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and garden in fine shape, and we think all the fruit trees we brought from Gensan will live. When we return the fruit trees will be bearing and we will certainly enjoy it. If you haven't sent the pictures when you receive this, please do not send them, -we can get them when we come home.

I must close for this time. Trust you are all well and happy.

Your sister, Sallie.

Pyeng Yang, Korea - April 30, 1900

My dear Jennie,

I was glad to hear from you and that you were having a nice trip. I am enjoying Will's account of it in the Independent. You are at home long ere this, no doubt, and have house-cleaning done. I am in the midst of it and will be so glad when the house is all clean and settled once more. We are having the carpenters again to put on the door and window facings, ~~The~~ oiling and varnishing we did not intend to do until we return from furlough, but since we received word from the Board that we are not to leave here in July, we went to work putting in our garden and finishing the house up. Now whether we are coming or not we are not able to say. It is all just like this :-one year ago the Board granted our furlough to begin in March 1900. Will said immediately it was a mistake. Last Autumn the Mission voted to let us go in July, so we and the Lees would not be away from the field at the same time. The Lees go next Spring. In January Will wrote the Board that our 8 years would not be up until Nov. 1900. Not until then did the Board know their mistake. Immediately they wrote and said we could not go until Sept. or Oct. 1900 which if we do we won't have 1 yr. at home because we have to get back here so early in the Autumn, before the river freezes. Another thing the Board does not take into account is that if we go through the Rainy Season of July and August all right, we can no doubt go through the rest of the year until Spring. Will says he is glad if we can stay another year, then he can complete all the work he has begun. I don't feel that way. I think the disappointment will be almost more than Pa and Ma can endure. I am not writing to them, nor do I want you to tell them yet, for maybe we can come yet.

On Sat. we received a letter from Seoul saying that the Seoul Station had written to the Board requesting again that we be permitted to leave here in July, and they answer by a cable.

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So there is still hope of our going this summer. If we would pay our own expenses then of course we could go. But we can't do that unless we get the appropriation for our house, or send home for the money, which we do not care to do.

Mr. Whittemore has not been on the field 4 years yet, but the Board, contrary to the wishes of the Mission, has granted him 4 months furlough. He is paying his own expenses. While the Mission voted for our furlough to begin in July, and the Board vetoed it, this is the way it stands now. And we cannot know until June whether we can go or not. For Pa and Ma's sake I trust we can go. I would like so much to see them, and they want to see us all so much, I'm sure. Yet if it is the Lord's will that we should remain at the post one more year, all right, God's arm is not shortened. He is able to keep us all one more year. He has been most wonderfully kind to us during the past 8 years, and we must not complain if things don't go just as we would like. To us time goes on wings, and one year is very short.

Will left for Anak last week, and will be gone there 3 weeks this time. I want to get everything done while he is away. Then if the Board does grant our furlough to begin in July we can pack and be off by the first boat. I think Dr. and Mrs. Sharrocks will move into our house. They are in Seoul now but are coming to Pyeng Yang this summer. They are in time to move farther north where a station is to be opened (Syen Chun).

These warm Spring days do make a person feel lazy. I simply feel good for nothing, and consequently get little accomplished. I do keep up all the work that has been assigned me, but sometimes it is a real trial to walk down into the city. The children are ever so well, and are busy these days out of doors. They do not have many wild flowers here to gather. At Wonsan the mountains around our house were covered, so they were "in clover". Here the mountains are quite a distance away, so they have only wild violets, dandelions, and pepper-grass.

I am hurriedly writing this to send by this boat. It will be a kind of preparation for what may follow; however we think that there are some hopes of our going yet, but of course we cannot tell.

I will write again just as soon as we hear.

I trust Pa and Ma are keeping well.

I am so anxious to see them, and cannot tell you how keenly I feel the disappointment, yet by God's grace I can bear it, I am sure.

We all send love.

Sallie.



Pyeng Yang, Korea - June 25, 1900

My dear Sister,

We had expected to be on our way for the homeland, ere this, but here we are waiting still, only waiting to be disappointed at last, I suppose. If the cablegram does not come this week then there will be no use looking for it any longer, for that decides that the Board will not let us go.

I am sorry that I have not written home before, but to tell the real truth I scarcely had the heart to write, being so undecided and unsettled as to what we were to do. We are just as unsettled as ever, yet I feel I must write, that you may know we are all quite well. The children are real well. Will is nervous and in a run-down condition, but he says he is well, and keeps on at work. If we do not go home to America Will will take a trip some place, for the rest and change. Nothing but a trip home could induce me to take three children away. We are all ready, have one trunk packed, and the others partly packed so we could get them ready in a short time. In 2 or 3 days we could have our effects all moved into 1 room and be ready to start, but here we are waiting, and we may have to wait until next Spring. We could pay our own way home now, since the Board has granted the money for our house, but Will says he does not care to spend it in that way.

I began this letter on Mon. and intended to finish it and send it at once, but Will said I had better wait a little longer, -maybe the word would come. Now I will send this today. There is little hope now that we will go this summer. The Board has granted our furlough to begin after the Annual Meeting, which will be held in Sept. If we should go then we could not leave here before the middle of Oct. reaching home the last of Nov. or the first of Dec. Our stay at home is just one year, so if we should reach America in Nov. we must leave just one year from that month, which would bring us to Korea in the middle of winter. We would be unable to reach Pyeng Yang at that time of the year, because the river would be frozen over (from Chinnapo to Pyeng Yang) and then I do not care to travel with little children in cold weather. And so Will thinks if we can get through the hot season all well, it would be unwise for us to leave just at the beginning of the season when we can do the best work. Autumn, winter, and Spring is the time for work. No one tries to itinerate much in the summer. Of course, my work goes on just the same the year round, with no vacation, or at least I haven't had one yet.

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God has been good to us giving us strong bodies and blest us in the work, and we know that He will give us a vacation and rest whenever we ought to have it. Of course I do feel disappointed because I had counted so much on going home to see Pa and Ma and all the rest at home, yet I try not to complain and the Lord has given me peace in the midst of the trial.

Will is not disappointed, he says he is only glad to stay another winter in the work. We do feel it is a most important time to work, and especially now since the trouble in China, -for we never know what change a day may bring forth in the Government. If Russia takes Korea the work will no doubt be more or less interfered with. The Russians have already established the Greek Church in Seoul and we hear they intend to have churches all over the land. If Korea falls into the hands of Japan, I suppose our work will go on but of course we cannot tell.

Before you receive this letter you will have heard of the dreadful trouble in China. We receive telegrams almost daily. Sunday the first one came stating that Tientsin was in ashes. Just now comes the news from Chemulpo that the German minister in Peking was murdered and the legation burned; also the secretary and lieutenant to the Japanese legation was murdered. There are over 2,000 foreigners in Peking. No word has been received since June 17. There are 200,000 Boxers around Peking, with the Manchus ready to join them. They are Chinamen who are against the foreigners, ready to drive them out of China. China has undertaken to fight the world and she will have a chance, for certainly all nations will unite against her in defending their people.

Our hearts go out in sympathy and prayer for all the missionaries away in the interior of China. What they will suffer and what the end will be only God knows. We fear for the worst, remembering what the Chinese have done in the past years.

I wonder if you at home are having such a cool Spring and summer. We have had no real hot weather yet. These days are beautiful and everything is growing luxuriantly. After all we are having a very good garden. When we found that maybe we would not get to go home after all, Mrs. Moffett let us have some seeds, so I put them in to have some vegetables for winter, and if we do go someone else who comes into our house will have them. We are getting our yard and garden in fine shape. Almost all the fruit trees from Wonsan are growing nicely. The clover looks nice and the lawn grass is doing well, too. We now have our place in fine condition to leave.

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Will feels that his work is well arranged and planned for during his absence. Mrs. Baird is here now to take my work. So even if we do go our work will go right on. But the Board, I suppose, do not intend that our 8 years shall be shortened 1 month by leaving before our time is up.

It is to the advantage of the work that the Mission decided for us to leave this summer, as the Lees expect to go next summer. Now, if we must stay over it will take Mr. Lee and Will away at the same time, which will make it harder on those who are left here to do the work.

I do feel sorry for Pa and Ma, for I am sure they will be greatly disappointed, as you all will be. Sometimes I feel like coming this Autumn and let Will stay until Spring. If it were not for the long trip with 3 children I would be tempted to go, but it will be for the best, no doubt, for us to stay. If the Lord wants us to go He will provide the way; if not we are content to remain in the work until we can go. It would have been better all around if we had never planned to go this Spring or summer; and we would not have done so if the Board had not appropriated the money long ago.

We received the photographs. Some are quite good while others are worthless. I suppose the films had been kept too long and were too old when the picture were taken. We have 6 films now which we were going to take home with us. I will send them some place to have them developed, or maybe I will get the chemicals from Mr. Lee and do it myself.

I must close for this time and send this. I will try to be more prompt in writing to you and to Ma after this.

With much love from us all,  
Sallie.

July 19, 1900

My dear Jennie,

Your letter written June 5 received last week Well, I can't tell you how it made me feel. That was the most homesick letter I have yet received. I am glad that you understand it was not our fault that we could not go in July. Your letter touched Will; he said he did not see how we could help going. So it caused us to change our plans. Now we are coming and not waiting for any word from the Board. We feel that we are justified to start immediately. The Mission would gladly send us and take the responsibility, but since they sent another vote by Mr. Whittemore it seems the Board



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did not grant it. We are going on our own responsibility, not knowing what the Board will do with us. We can't help but think they will think it is all right as soon as they hear the facts and the circumstances under which we are going.

We hope to leave here either July 31 or Aug. 3, go directly to Nagasaki and take the first boat we can get. Will will telegraph you as soon as we reach the coast of America. We will reach home sometime in September.

We are all quite well and very busy getting ready, - finishing up our work and making out our reports. Will is teaching in the Summer Bible Class; 50 men are studying, - Helpers and leaders from the different districts.

We were indeed sorry to hear of your sickness. I trust you are entirely well ere this. I can scarcely realize how feeble Pa and Ma must be. I trust they will be spared until we reach home and I believe they will.

I am sure you will all be glad and so will we be rejoiced to come home and see you all once more.

I am hastily writing this to get it off on this boat. I do hope you are well and strong again.

May the dear Lord bless and keep you all in peace until He come.

We all join in sending love.

Sallie.

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My dear Mother,

I received Jennie's letter written when she was in bed sick. I do trust she is well ere this.

I am now writing a hasty letter to tell you that we have decided to go to America, although we have not heard from the Board. We are going anyway. If it is the Lord's will we leave here Aug. 3.

Since the trouble in China we can't tell what connections we will be able to make in Japan. However we are going and will take the first boat we can get, after reaching Nagasaki, Japan. We hope to get home in September sometime. We will telegraph just as soon as we land on American soil.

Please do not worry; keep up your courage and trust everything to the Lord. He is able to care for us all and bring us together in due time. We are all feeling quite well and know the ocean voyage will do us a lot of good. I am very anxious to go. I can scarcely wait until we start. It will certainly be a happy meeting for us all. I do trust you both are feeling quite well. May the Dear Lord keep you both in peace. We all send love. Sallie.

Minneapolis, Minn. Aug.13, 1901

My dear Sister,

We arrived here this morning at 8:50 o'clock. We had a hot dusty ride yesterday most of the way. We were so glad and thankful for the lunch you put up so nicely. I made a bucket of Mellon's Food and milk and the children fared well. We had 1 hour's wait in Chicago; got our trunks checked and everything arranged in plenty of time. We had 2 lower berths and all slept well. Mr. Ward met us here at Minneapolis. We were surprised to meet Mr. and Miss Tate of the So. Presbyterian Mission on their way to Korea. They leave this evening; and we leave tomorrow evening and will get into Vancouver on Sat. Mr. Lee and Mylo were also at the depot; we were glad to see them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward so kindly had a reunion & dinner for the McCormick Seminary Class of 1892,-5 were here and one of the class of 1893.

I had a rest and sleep, and so did the children. I was disappointed not to get the valise we checked, with the pretty little dresses for today, but I had others which did just as well.

I am so glad for the rest today and tomorrow; it will make the trip from here easier. We will be so glad when the train ride is over and we can get where the weather is cooler. I was so car-sick this morning really had to throw-up, but I felt better afterward. Rather encouraging, isn't it? I try to think I won't be very sea-sick on the ship.

We hear that Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Junkin of the Southern Presbyterian Mission will also go on the "Empress of Japan." They went out 9 years ago on the same ship we did. It will be very pleasant to have so many on the ship we know.

Just now Mr. Carter, a friend of Will's from Duluth has called to see us; he came down on purpose.

I hope you will write soon and let me hear how Mother is. I shall write again from Vancouver. Gertrude says, "Won't we go back to Grandma?" I think she gets a little homesick, and maybe we all do.

We all join in sending love,

Sallie.

P.S. If Miller sent the pictures after we left, keep out 9 for each of the children, one for Etta & Addie. Send one to Miss Sophy Swallen; send the others to us; we are anxious to see them.



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hear them make out their order, as they called it.

I am wishing every day the boxes we sent would come. As yet not one thing from America has come, except the Smith order. As far as food and clothes are concerned, we are comfortable, except for Olivette shoes; she still has to wear her slippers. They have shoes, but to put on their good shoes only means that they will be spoiled in a few days. These warm beautiful days, it is all right, but when we wake up and find quite a deep snow, it makes one wish for winter shoes and clothes.

We have had real winter weather for a few days last week. I gathered in the vegetables just in time to keep them from freezing. It reminded me of the times we used to gather in the cabbage at home, and make sour-kraut. It was Hallowe'en, and I thought what a fine time the boys had at home on that night.

Now while I'm writing everything is so bright and beautiful outside, I think of you all at home in darkness, cuddled up in bed, sound asleep. I think every night when I awake of you all at home busy at work while we are sleeping. It makes me lonesome, and I try to get to sleep as quickly as possible. I am kept very busy all the time, and have taken up all the work that was assigned to me,- the Sunday school out here at the chapel, Wed. p.m. Bible class at the same chapel; Thurs. p.m. I go to the Waysang, 2 miles from here, and hold a meeting. It is new work which has just been begun; no foreign woman has ever done regular work there before. Yesterday there were 9 women and several little girls; only just a few can read. They did very well committing John 3:16. Some of the women didn't know who God or Jesus was; they don't know anything more than the dumb animals, only to eat and live. They listened attentively and say they want to believe. I shall try to keep up the work for it is very promising. Will says there are about 60 men interested; they have built a chapel with 2 rooms, quite large, I suppose more than 150 could be closely seated in them. Very soon I want to begin a class for the teachers in the Sunday school. There are 6 native teachers.

I hope you are all well. I must write to Ma very soon. We all send love.

Lovingly, Sallie.

Pyeng Yang, Korea - Nov.25, 1901

My dear Mother,

I am truly sorry I have neglected to write but really I have been too busy to do anything, either reading or writing. Will left for his country work October 26, leaving the cow-house to be finished, the cellar and out-side of our house to be repaired. We had to give the out-side of our house a fresh coat of mud to stop up the cracks; then we had beans soaked and ground and then took the solution and went all over the out-side walls, which they say will make the wall water-proof. I doubt it.

At last we succeeded in getting coal,-9 ton have come and put away, for which I am glad.

Last Sat. I bought a cow for less than \$10.gold. She is a nice looking animal. but like all other Korean cows can't give as much milk as we want. I am sure we will have to get another, for as yet she doesn't give 2 qts. a day. It would make us smile to see a nice big bucket of milk like Allie used to bring in.

We are having delightful weather, no doubt just like you are at home,- sunshining days and frosty nights. Will has been gone one month tomorrow and won't be home until next week. He is holding Bible classes and meeting groups of Christians in Whang Hai province. He says he expects to stay only a few days when he does come,-just long enough to get ready for another trip, then stay until Christmas. I think sometimes I might just about as well be in America, I have to stay alone so much of the time. If only I could come home and make a visit once in a while, living out here would not seem so hard and long. These beautiful Autumn days make us long for one of those delightful rides in the buggy with good old Spot. I suppose in time I will get over this homesick feeling and longings for things of the flesh.

In October I begin my work at the chapel.- Wed. p.m. Bible class and Sunday school. On Thursday p.m. I have a meeting in the river valley about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from here. When I can't go I send a woman. Last Sat. I began the Sunday school teachers' class; I have 8 native Christian teachers in the Sunday school. This coming Sat. the Bible Training class for country women begins. We hold it 10 days here at the chapel. I teach Matthew to the advanced class,-that is, the women who have attended classes before. Our lessons in Matthew are full of interest. We are studying the 2nd Coming of Christ, Matt.24 & 25. I can almost understand with what eagerness the Thessalonians Christians accepted Paul's teaching of Christ's 2nd

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Coming to earth for His own and then coming to the New Jerusalem with His Bride, the Church, when I am teaching these Korean Christians and see with what earnestness and eagerness they -(no, not all but the real Christians) accept the teaching. I never could stay out here if I did not have this blessed work to do. It would be lonesome living, indeed.

Olivette and Wilbur go to school 3 hrs. in the morning and 2 hrs. in the afternoon. They are learning quite fast and take such a delight in it. I do not send Gertrude; I found she is much better here at home. She plays so quietly and nicely by herself. Very often the children talk about Grandma, Aunt Jennie and the rest. Yesterday Olivette and Wilbur were discussing whether Queen or Bess was the best. Finally they decided Queen was the nicest and best (horse). We could imagine we saw Allie coming in with a nice big load of yellow corn.

How thankful I am that we could spend all our year at home in the country. The country is the nicest place on earth! I am sure if I were not in the Lord's work on the Mission field I would be at home on a farm. Where we live here is almost like the country, and how thankful I am! We look out over the cultivated fields and we all have such nice large yards and gardens, which is such a comfort to us.

It is so pitiful to see the hard, hard way these poor people have to work to get what little they can make, a mere existence is really all the most of them have.

At last all the boxes we sent from home came in good condition. I was surprised the molasses came so well. One of the cans had a little leak in it, however not half a gallon had leaked out, and all the rest of the cans were perfectly sound. I must write to Add and tell him how glad we are for them and how we do enjoy it. I am so anxious to hear from home; only 2 letters have come from Jennie, and not one from anyone else

since we came. I know I must write more if I expect to receive letters. I am so glad for the "Independents" It is always truly welcome, always the first paper to be opened.

I trust this will find you all well, as it leaves us. We all join in sending lots of love.

Lovingly your daughter, Sallie.



Pyeng Yang, Korea - -Feb.3,1902

My dear Sister Jennie,

Your letter you wrote at home Dec.20 was received Sat. evening, and one each from Etta and Essa. I am always delighted to get letters from any of the home folks. Dear old Mother, it is so sad to think of her being as she is. I am glad if she doesn't suffer any pain, and if she can rest and sleep. What a comfort to you girls that you can go home and care for her! Oh! what would I give if I could only take my turn. I think of you all so much these cold days, how you have to drive back and forth through the cold. I only wish I had a chance to take a drive; and I think I would not stop if the mercury was down below zero. I doubt if you had as cold weather as we did. It was 26 degrees below zero here for over a week, -not all the time that cold, of course, but below zero all the time and going down to 20, 24 and 26 below zero.

What a pity your plants froze! They were so beautiful. Now if mine had frozen it would have been no loss for they are only scraggly slips. However, they do make the room look cheerful, and they are doing very well. We were almost surprised that our house kept so warm with so little fuel. The cellar did not freeze at all. It paid us to have it so thoroughly gone over in the Fall and all the cracks stopped up. All the doors and windows we can close conveniently we pasted up tight and it does keep out such a lot of cold.

We are glad now to have the weather moderate, yet while it was so cold we were free from colds. Will has such a bad cold, and it has hung on for almost 2 weeks. Gertrude has some cold this morning in her head. My rheumatism is much better and I feel quite myself again. The doctors say there is a great deal of sickness among the Koreans, -no doubt from so much exposure. We will welcome Spring when it comes. How soon it will be here! Time is surely on wings, -it goes so fast. My days are so full, they pass before I know it and then I have accomplished so little.

Since the training Class closed, while Will is at home I have had all of our Station at different times to take dinner or supper with us, and part of the M.E. Station. I have invited the rest of the Methodists, - Mr. and Mrs. Noble, Dr. McGill, and Mr. Morris for tomorrow. Will and Mr. Hunt expect to leave Thursday morning for Suan Chun. I hope Will will be entirely over his cold by that time. Today I must begin to get his clothes ready and in order and all the other necessary things ready. How I wish I could take the children and come home while he is away. It isn't so pleasant staying alone, however I have planned for a lot of things to be done. I want to get the house

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papered and another coat of varnish on the woodwork and get the house in order before time for gardening. I expect to get some early cabbage and onions planted in boxes today.

I keep up my regular work on Sunday, Wed., and Sat but I do not think I shall take any extra teaching. Miss Best wanted me to help in the Special Class for country Bible women, which began last week, and will continue 15 days, but I felt I could not. If I could teach something I have taught lately I might, but I do not feel like getting it out new work with all my other work. 16 women came, and 4 here who do country work. Yesterday the Sunday school room was packed full,- I am sure there were at least 200 women and children. I have 9 teachers in my Sat. p.m. teachers' class. We are just finishing Matthew, and will take up I. Cor. in a few weeks. Will is getting out the lessons. Mr. Baird has them printed each week,-I think he gets out about 1500 or 2000 sheets.

Did I tell you that Dr. McGill and his family of the M.E.Mission have been appointed to Pyeng Yang? You know they were at Gensan when we were there.

The Methodists have given their work over to the So. M.E.Mission at Gensan, like we did to the Canadian Presbyterian Mission. Mrs. McGill and I were very close friends and I shall be so glad to have her here. They have 2 such quiet nice little girls, 12 and 10 years old,-nice additions to our school; and a little boy Gertrude's age. And the M.E. Mission is to have a single lady come as soon as the river opens,-a Miss Miller from New England. We are always so glad to have new additions in our Mission or the M.E. Mission.

That reminds me, Essa said in her letter that Mrs. Todd had just been buried...it will be very sad and lonely for Bro. Todd. We haven't received the paper (Independent) for some time. The mails are very irregular during this cold weather. The children were delighted to think Santa got their letters; however, they do not say anything about getting the things they asked for. They are getting on splendidly in school. Olivette said she was going to work for 100 every day this week. They can read well enough to go in the 2nd Reader but I think I will have them stay in the 1st for a while yet. We have two good Readers they haven't mastered yet, The Hiawatha, and the Finch Readers. They were both given to the children,-the former is used in the Minneapolis schools.

I shall surely be glad to receive Ralph Connor's latest book. We received a catalogue for books in which the book, "The Man from Glengary" is very highly recommended. I think we can read with greater interest

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his books now since we know who the author is.

His picture came out in the "Interior", a fine-looking man. I think I told you his name is Rev. Charles A. Gordon. I am trying to do more reading this winter than I have for sometime.

I hope I can continue, but it is doubtful.

I thought I had not written to you for sometime but I find I mailed a letter Jan.29. I am glad if you take and read them to Mother. I haven't written her because I know she can't read them, and she won't care if she hears read all I write home. I wonder if Allie is still there and as faithful as ever. The children always speak of Allie in connection with Queen and Bess, -I suppose because he was always driving them (in the buggy). I am sure he would be bothered more with them this winter than last if they were there. Gertrude says, "Good old Spot! We can d'ive". This morning she took 2 dollies a ride on the hobby horse and she said it was like she, Wilbur and Olivette rose on the donkey. Today is pleasant so they will all have to take a long ride.

Did I understand that Mr. and Mrs. Ashbrook (the parents of Will Ashbrook) celebrate their Golden Wedding this month? You will tell me all about it.

I trust Mother is better long before this, and that all the rest are well.

We all send lots of love, and Gertrude says "Give Aunt Jennie 4 kisses and 3 hugs."

Lovingly, Sallie.

Pyeng Yang, Korea - March 24, 1902

My dear Sister Jennie,

Your letters of Feb.10,16, & 19 were received Saturday. Every time a letter came I opened it with hesitancy fearing the worst. In a way I was prepared and yet I was not. We may think we are prepared for sad news but when it really comes it is a severe blow. God's grace is always sufficient and He never withholds it when we are in need of it.

I am sure Mother was glad to go. She was lonesome after Father was taken away, and while she was in her right mind she suppressed her feelings in a wonderful way, yet she was even more lonesome than she let on, and often I have found her weeping as if her heart would break. Now that both have gone Home to glory we know they are happy in the presence of the Master. We never could wish them back, nor must we grieve for them. Of course we can't keep the tears back which is



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natural and helps us in our grief many times. The Bible says "Jesus wept". The tears blind my eyes so I can scarcely see, yet I know I must not give way before the Koreans nor the children. Yes, it is sad and hard to bear, yet I am sure it is not as hard for me as it is for you at home to have seen Mother gradually fail and now to see the dear old home left for a time in the hands of strangers, and then the sale,- Oh! how hard that will be, to see the house torn up, things sold and scattered. I am so in hopes things can be so arranged that one of the boys can buy the place. I do trust it won't go into the hands of strangers. I almost think very little in the house will be sold. You will divide things; above all thing I trust there won't be any selfish or hard feelings but the family love and ties will always continue throughout the whole family. If anything should fall to me I do not want it to be sent to Korea. It will be asking a good deal for any of you to look after anything, but I do not want any more things sent (out here). I intend all of our money to be left in America.

In my mind I can just imagine how Mother looked, and how everything was. How beautiful the flowers were and the casket so nice. I remember how nice Father's casket looked and how glad I was that we got the covered and draped one. I am so glad for the carnation and sprig of fern,- I shall mount them on a heavy piece of paper and keep them. Many thanks for your thoughtfulness and kindness. How thankful I am that I did spend as much time at home with Pa and Ma as I did, and now when I think that Mother is gone,-had I known she would have gone so soon, I should have stayed with her and not caused her the grief of our separation.

Yes, indeed, I am glad the children saw their grandparents. They will always remember them. Gertrude often talks of Grandma and how Grandpa used to try to take her on his knee and could not, but "Mama helped" her up. She says, "Grandpa is in heaven". She, too, will always remember them. While it is sad and hard for us out here it is harder for you at home to be there and see it all and now to have to see the sale and the house which is so dear to us all broken up. I know it is heart-rending. How often I have thought of you all, and almost envied you the privilege you have always had of going home just when you pleased. What a satisfaction it has always been to you all and a great joy, I am sure. I never blamed you for going home on Sunday. I should have gone myself if I had had the chance.

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The children are much concerned about Spot (a horse) Queen, Bess, and the puppies. I do not know why I was so careless when there and did not get their pictures. I did take the phaeton, and Spot, with Mother and the children in it. The photographer has not sent them to me yet. I will send a copy to each one if they turn out well.

You have our family group picture long before this. Do you think they are good? When I get some more films I will try my hand at taking some more pictures.

I am having the house papered, consequently it is a fearful mess. Just at this time the children are having 2 weeks vacation, so with all this dirty house, the noise of the children and these trying Koreans, my patience is almost exhausted. I am sorry I have so neglected to write for so long, but I simply could not get my mind down to anything. The paper hangers have been working 12 days and the slow way in which they are working today they are likely to be here yet tomorrow. When they got the dining room almost done they, or one of them, struck for more wages. I thought of you when you were building your house, - what trials you must have had! you can know something of what we have so much of the time with these people.

Another trial comes this Spring, - we have to give up part of our garden, - the very best part. Mr. Blair is to build his house next to us and because we have a large yard the Station decided we must give him a strip of ours, which takes in some of our largest trees, 6 or 7 grape vines, all the current bushes, goose-berries, and strawberries. I have had the last three all moved and do not think they are much injured. This morning I tried the grape vines, but they are entirely too large to move. I will let the trees go until Will comes home and let him look after them. As the lot and yard is not ours we can only abide by the decision of the Station. I shall be busy getting flower beds ready, as we are expecting to have a fine lot of flowers this summer. The slips I started last Fall are fine, quite a number are now in bloom, and look so cheerful. Our garden seeds from America have come so I can get the garden in early. I do like to be out in the yard and garden. If it were not for my class work I have and the things about the yard and house to look after, I fear I could scarcely endure the nervous strain. Will has been gone 2 weeks, - no, 3 weeks tomorrow, it is, and does not expect to return until April 5th or 7th. I am having a Korean sleep in the house since thieves broke in to Dr. Wells' house last week. They were cowards and ran as soon as Mr. Wells screamed. Dr. took after them with a gun and

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that gave them a fright. I cannot say I am afraid but it is lonesome, especially at night.

I am sure you will tell me everything that you do with the things at home, -who gets the horses and the phaeton, and what you will do with the place.

I must close for this time. I hope you can make out this scribbling, -I know it is dreadful, but I am writing in one corner on my lap. I will get some paper and have the children write this afternoon while I go to teach my Wed. p.m. class. I intend to write to all at home as soon as I can get a little settled.

I send lots of love and sympathy, Sallie.

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Dear Sister Jennie,

Sallie wants me to write you a line and tell you that we have another little daughter come to join our happy circle. She is a fine specimen. Sallie thinks she is the finest baby in the world. I know she is. You ought to see her with her big fat cheeks. The children are delighted and think there is nobody like that baby. She was born on the early dawn of April 18th. Sallie will write you all about it in a few weeks. Both are doing nicely. I am so crowded with work that I have time for only a note. Read much between the lines and you will know that we are all well, happy, and full of good cheer, while constantly rushed with work that several ought to do.

We thought much of you at home during Mother's illness. It must have been a great tax upon you all, though of course not reckoned as such. Now that they are both gone our hope is that the children will do them honor in the lives we live after them. May we ever keep Christ before us and count God in all reckonings.

Love and kindest wishes to yourself, Bro. Will and all the rest.

Affectionately, your Bro.,  
W.L. Swallen

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My dear Jennie,

I think Will wrote you the day our baby came, one week ago today. My confinement was very much the same as with the other children, and I am getting along just as well as can be expected. Dr. Harris of the M.E. Mission is my physician and



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she says I must not think of getting up for 2 weeks, so I have another week to rest in bed. Miss Howell of our Mission comes every day to wash and dress the baby, so we get on ever so well. I couldn't have better care anywhere in America, I am sure. Olivette is a dear little nurse, as she says, She can help me so much when she comes home from school. They are all delighted with their little sister, and so are we all. She is a real little treasure,-is just like Gertrude was when she was born, so fat and plump. Gertrude seems quite willing to give up being a baby now; she says she is now Mama's girl and not a baby.

We haven't decided on a name yet. I guess we are too particular,-or I am, rather. Will and the children are a committee to find a name and then I pass judgment when they report. You would laugh to hear some of the funny names the children select, for instance "Silver Locks" when baby's hair is black "Star-light", all the names of flowers they ever heard. The last was Esther Victoria. When Will asked Wilbur the name they had he said,"Esther England." Association of ideas, you see.

Baby is ideal, she sleeps and eats, not one bit of trouble so far. I think every day we wish Aunt Jennie could come to see us. What a pleasure it would be! Well, you are coming sometime we trust.

Mr. Moffett left for America last Sat. I sent a small package with him of different pieces of embroidery. I marked each one. Now if you want both pieces you just keep them and I can probably get others for Mrs. Iliff. The little girl's waist and skirt are for you. Will you please hand the leaves from Father's copybook to Terza and Lean. I hunted everywhere at home for them and wondered where they were; then when we unpacked our books I found them. Now as to the few things I had at home,-from what you said I am inclined to think that those who had given Mother things are to receive them back. The leopard skin, you take it and use it as your own. My picture and Will's I want kept for our children, but as I said I do not want anything sent to Korea. If you care to have them you can hang them up some place. Since you have the piece of embroidery like the one I left for Mother, you might let Tirza hang it on her wall, also the picture of the old home which I crayoned and hung upstairs. The drawn-work tidy, you use it. It seems to me the few Korean things I sent Mother were to go to you; however, do what you please with them.

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Now the bed-stead, mattress and springs, I had said I was going to give to Etta, but I have about changed my mind, however if she needs them I wont object. I was thinking in 7 or 8 years we will come home and no doubt I will stay in America for a number of years while the children are in school and then we will keep house and with our family we will need things. I was thinking if any in the family would care to take and use the bed-stead and stand I would have it that way, otherwise if there is no other place for it, why let Etta have it.

You asked me what I wanted from home, -of course I could not say. Long before this you have divided all the things and sold the rest. So whatever you all have decided will be perfectly satisfactory to us.

I understand the sofa and one or two of the parlor chairs you paid for with your school money, so they would not be counted in the division. Whoever wants the little trunk I left can have it. I have the key and will send it to you. If there is anything given to me, whether household things or money, I wish you would look after it. If it would not be too much trouble you can store what you don't want to use in your attic, and the money we will put in the Loan. We don't intend to use any more of our money in America, for I am sure it will take it all to educate this family of children coming on. And I am sure it will take all of our salary to live out here. I was just telling Will how convenient it would be when the children are put in school if we could only lay aside something each year for each one.

Monday - I did not get this finished on Sat. Baby is 11 days old. I am able to sit up and feel ever so well but the doctor says I must stay in bed 2 whole weeks, so I shall do as she says. Baby is a darling; she is so good, puts all her time in eating and sleeping. We haven't fully decided but think we shall name her Esther Lucile. What do you think of it? Baby is waking so I must close for this time. I trust this will find you all well. Olivette said, "Wasn't God good when we were sad about Grandma to send us such a darling baby to cheer us?"

I think of you so much and my heart goes out to all in our great loss, and to you who will miss the dear old home so much.

Lovingly,

Sallie.

Pyeng Yang, Korea - June 19, 1902

My dear Jennie,

I was looking up to see when you wrote your last letter to me and find it was the last of March; soon it will be 3 months. Oh! how long it does seem. Not one of our folks have written for so long; it really seems like ages to me. Every time the mail comes, once a week now, I think certainly there will be a letter from home, but no, not one. I think I must write again, and then something crowds it out, -so I've neglected to write, for which I am sorry. But I find there is not the pleasure in writing when there are not letters coming. My hands are filled more than they used to be. I find a baby takes time and attention and cannot be neglected. She is growing well but suffers so from colic and keeps me awake nights. Last night I was up nearly all night with her. So I do not feel the best today. I feel pretty well yet I am far from being as strong as I should like.

Our teacher, Miss Ogilvy, had to close school because of ill health and has gone to Seoul for treatment, so the children are at home all day. You can imagine what that is! I have them get out a lesson in reading and arithmetic in the morning and play the rest of the day. They go barefoot and have a fine time.

Will came home one week ago last Tuesday and will remain now until in September. The Summer Bible and Conference classes began today; they are for the Helpers and leaders. Rev. Foote of the Canadian Mission at Wonsan is here visiting and teaching and giving lectures in the classes. He stays with us.

Mr. Whittemore of Syen Chun takes dinner with us; he is also assisting in the Class. As soon as this Class closes (in 15 days) they hold a Normal Class for the teachers in all the Primary schools, which will keep them busy until nearly August. Already the weather is very warm and Oh! so dry. We fear if we do not have rain soon there will be another famine. Every day we have water carried several hundred gallons, and make an attempt at watering our garden. The strawberries have dried up; we tried to water them but it was quite impossible. We had berries for 2 weeks and they are not quite all gone yet. I want to have a pudding tomorrow with strawberry sauce. Today we had a delicious short-cake. We will have strawberry ice-cream for supper today.

I was interrupted, as usual, and will try to finish today and send this before the boat goes. I have just finished making and sending the invitations for our Tin Wedding anniversary which we will have Monday evening at 8 p.m., June 23..(the 10th) I used a piece of tin the size of a calling card, made holes



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and tied the card on with baby ribbon writing on a white card, and put them in small envelopes. Will is getting up the program...a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Blair, flute and violin duet by Will and Miss Snook, and Will will play a flute solo. Mr. Blair, Mrs. Baird and Mr. Whittemore will give toasts. I will serve two kinds of ice-cream, two kinds of cake and candy.

I haven't put my carpets away yet (for the summer am cleaning and fixing up the house today. I will leave them down until the last of this month and then I intend to put the carpets and curtains all away until the middle of Sept. Then they will all seem new when I get them out after the Fall cleaning

I am so glad I don't have any sewing to do. I don't feel as if I could do it this summer; the children have plenty of clothes to do them for a while. Will's sister Sophy is sending a winter suit for Wilbur which I neglected to get when we were in America. In a few days I will be busy with the fruit jelly and jam. Our currants are ripe and so are the gooseberries, and the Korean cherries will soon be here. We had a sample of our sour cherries, -how delicious they were! We are going to have samples of plums and some apples. It is a lot of pleasure to watch them develop. My flowers are coming on nicely I hope to have beautiful flowers in the window-box next winter. I only planted Begonia, Fucia, and Primrose yesterday. I am sorry I put it off so long but I never seemed to get the time to prepare the ground for the boxes properly. I took a lot of pains with the ground and shall try to follow the directions carefully, so that I may get a good start

How I do wish you could see our little Esther Lucile. She weighs 12 pounds at 2 months, so you see she gains, even if she does cry. We never had a baby to cry like she does. I trust she will soon get over it, for it wears me all but out. She has gray eyes and must look like the Swallens. I don't think she is as pretty as Gertrude was; she is changing so much. Her hair looks as if it may be the color of Wilbur's.

As we have the Station meeting here at 4 o'clock this p.m. I must close and get the house in order, and get the children cleaned up. I can't tell you how much I should like to see you all. My heart goes out to all so many times. I know a never a day passes but I think of you all many times. Oh! how I long to get some word from home.

We all join in sending lots of love.

Sallie.

Pyeng Yang, Korea - July 9, 1902

My dear Jennie,

Your letter of May 26 was most welcome. How long I had waited! It really did seem almost like ages. I am sorry I have been so negligent about writing but my hands are full and all my correspondence has been sadly neglected. I must try and settle down to work each forenoon after baby has her bath and is asleep/ I can't do one thing at night; I'm really too tired after the children are asleep. Usually baby stays awake until 9 or 10 o'clock. However, she is getting much better and does not cry so much, and will lie awake for a long time and be quiet, now. What a precious little jewel she is! How I wish you could see her while she is so sweet. Olivette says "I can't understand why she is so sweet".

Gertrude and Wilbur have both had a little attack of summer trouble. Yesterday Gertrude had a temperature of 102 degrees; a dose of castor oil seemed to be effective. I just took her temperature this p.m. and she still has fever 101½. It must be malaria. We will see the doctor if she keeps on having a rise of temperature. Wilbur never was as thin as he is now, he seems to have but little flesh. I tell him he will have to be blown up with a goose quill. We will be so glad when the hot weather is over. As yet we have had very little rain, enough though to make excellent crops. We had such a nice shower last evening and I was in hope it would continue raining today, for I want to set put my late cabbage and celery, -also some flowers. I have started the Passion flowers. My choice flowers, such as Colons, Begonias, have not yet come up. My bed of sweet-peas is beautiful, also the nasturtiums I started from seed, that I gathered from Mrs. Ashbrook's are fine. We have a fine garden and has quite a bit of small fruits. I made raspberry jelly and canned gooseberries, and also had 3 pts. of black currant jam. I made cherry jelly, jam, and preserves.

Tuesday - July 15 - Here it is almost a week and your letter not finished. We have had a beautiful rain and I have my celery and cabbage and flower plants set out and the new vines tied up. We have only a few but they are in good condition and bore all the berries we could use. Now we are having Korean apricots, which we like very much. When they are gone we will be able to get very large red Korean peaches.

We are now using our 3rd planting of peas and 2nd planting of beets. After a while we will have quantities of lima beans, and we need them as we are to have our Annual Meeting here in Sept. and we are to entertain 6 People; it will take plenty of vegetables.

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We hear that Asiatic cholera has broken out in WieJu, 5 days journey from here on the Chinese border. If it should come here all our vegetables will be useless to us until it is over. Already our Station and the Methodist people are taking steps toward preparing for it. 7 years ago this summer it swept many people away. We truly hope the people will be spared. We will do all we can to have the villages near us cleaned and disinfectants used freely everywhere.

We had samples of 3 or 4 cherries and will have some apples and plums. I really don't know what we would do without our yard and garden. It is recreation to go out and see things coming on.

We sympathize with you both and were so sorry to hear of your loss. It does seem too bad that Will (A) should have those two nice buildings destroyed, and what a lot of energy it will take beside the money to replace them. I expect before this they are about rebuilt and Will's business is going on as usual. I shall read the Independent with interest to know who did the rebuilding and improving. Oh! how I do wish we could come to see you for a while. It would do us so much good and we could then go on better with our work.

I just came from my Wed. p.m. class; the attendance is good and the interest keeps up, even if the days are hot. Sometimes I think I must have a rest, but who is to take my work? Others need rest as well as I.

I must stop. I have promised to go with Olivette and Wilbur to Mrs. Baird's for a call.

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We certainly dread such a plague as cholera, yet we are not afraid, for we can take proper precautions and we have the assurance that the Hand of the Lord is upon us. I will try to be more prompt in writing so you need not be uneasy.

I am glad Doub and Ben bought the place (Willison Homestead) I would feel still more lonesome if I thought strangers had it. What a blessing! I was just thinking what an honor to Father and Mother if everything was settled satisfactorily and no ill feeling in the family. We all know that is the way they would wish it, and would be grieved if it was any other way. Sometimes I feel so lonesome when I think of home, - no home to think of, and try to imagine how things are. Oh! if the folks could only take just a few minutes to write a little. I wonder sometimes if any of them will ever write. If it were not for your letters I would never, or seldom, ever hear. I know how busy they all are and I try to imagine what each one is doing this week or this month. What a pleasure it is to live close together! the separation more since we came back



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than I did before we went to America.

I am truly thankful that our children keep as well as they do, and I trust they will continue well all summer.

One of the servants is now mowing the lawn. How good it sounds to hear the lawn-mower! It really sounds and seems more like civilization. I do not remember if I told you about the sad death of Mr. Appenzellar, of the M.E.Mission. You will probably read it in the paper. He was on his way to Mokpo, Korea to meet with the Translating Committee, going on a small Japanese boat. The first night out she collided with another boat of the same company and sank in 3 minutes. There was another American on board, an excellent swimmer, and was picked up after being in the water almost an hour. Mr. Appenzellar had been in Korea 17 years, returned from his 2nd furlough last Sept. His family remained in America on account of the children's health. Mrs. Appenzellar with 3 of the children intended to sail the 1st of August. It is truly sad for the M.E. Mission to lose at once 2 such excellent workers, - Dr. Harris and Mr. Appenzellar. We, of course, can't understand it.

On Aug. 1st Mr. Lee with his family and Mrs. Webb (Mrs. Lee's mother) and Mr. and Mrs. Moffett sail from San Francisco for Korea. We are also having 6 new missionaries for our Mission this Fall. Our teacher, Miss Ogilvy, was obliged to resign on account of her health, so the School Board has called for the teacher whom Mr. and Mrs. Lee had engaged to come next year, a Miss Armstrong, from the West someplace. We are in hopes she can come so our school can begin in Sept. Our children are running wild these days. We thought we would let them have these two months free and maybe they would be stronger physically and do better in school when it does begin.

We all send love and very best wishes, and baby Esther sends a sweet smile, - she has so many these days. She will be 3 months old Friday, the 18th. Time passes so quickly. I shall put her in short clothes next month; she likes to kick and the long skirts are only in the way. She weighed 14 lbs. this morning, a gain of 2 lbs. a month.

We had a heavy rain last night. We are all well. I can see lots of fields under water this morning.

Write as often as you can find time. Remember us to Mr. and Mrs. Ashbrook (Will A's parents)

With love, Sallie.

Pyeng Yang, Korea - Aug.7, 1902

My dear Jennie,

Your good letter of June 29 came today. I was so glad to hear from you. I have been intending to write every day for so long, but you know how easily letter-writing is neglected. It seems everything else crowds out letter-writing and the days are so short, and so are the nights. We have been out for several picnics on the river and been out bathing, so that has taken up sometime. Yesterday and today I have been buying our stores for 6 months in San Francisco; now that the order is finished and ready to send I feel relieved. I find since the children are getting larger it takes much more. I sent to San Francisco and bought a steel range Mrs. Moffett selected it for me. What a comfort it is! Our old stove was just about used up, so we can now appreciate this one. It is something like yours only a little larger, with a reservoir for heating water. I have the old stove in the wash-room. When I get the kitchen cleaned, papered, and varnished it will be quite a respectable place. The other day I told the cook I was going to quit talking to her about keeping things clean. She knows how I want things kept and if she couldn't do it she must leave. These people havent the least idea of cleanliness. OH what a trial it is sometimes! It certainly takes patience, really more than I have to let things pass. In order to keep well and strong I just let things go to a certain extent, and go to bed early and get up late and try to rest through the day, and I am feeling quite well.

We are all in excellant health. Will works in the study every day and says he never was so fleshy in the summer. I haven't been as thin in flesh for a long long time as I am now, and my hair has fallen out until I don't believe I have as much as you have.

How sorry I am that you are not feeling well. Aunt Polly worte me that you were thin and not well. I felt quite uneasy for you had said nothing about it and I thought you were keeping it from me for fear I would worry. I am truly glad you are so much better. You at home have gone through severe trials and I am sure you who enjoyed going home so much feel it keenly You have my sympathy I assure you. I think of you all so much. I don't know why it is but I think of home so much. Never a night when I waken but my thoughts go back to the old home and Father and Mother. I too miss them even though I am away out here. How much more you at home miss them. I am beginning to realize as the children grow so fast how very soon we will be just where our parents were and the children will tak our places. Only a few more days and I will be 39.

Tirza will be 55 and Add 50 or 51. The older we get the faster time seems to fly. How nice for you to have Alice Rudy and children visit you. How much I should have enjoyed having you come to see me while she visited you. We are glad to hear of Fess' success. I haven't heard from Ada since we were there. I don't take the Herald anymore; wish I did.

The children have all come in the house and are bothering me so I can't think. They seem so much worse these hot days; I suppose they feel the heat as much as we do. This is fearfully hot dry weather. We haven't had any rain for over 3 weeks. My tomatoes are drying up and I hire water carried and water things. Yesterday I had 110 gal. carried for 9¢ gold. Today clouds are gathering so we are hoping it will rain. We are enjoying bathing in the river, which is quite near, so we can walk and the bathing would be very pleasant were it not for so many Koreans bathing above where we go in. When we go to the Tae Tong river (big river) above the city to a sandy beach and have out splash in the water, then eat our supper in the boat while the men row us down to the gate (city gate in the wall) We have been to the river 4 afternoons and 3 to the little river. The children enjoy it so much and we are anxious to have them learn to swim. Gertrude does much better than either of the other two. This week Mr. Noble and his family in one boat, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Miller and little Dorothy Hunt in another, five gentlemen and 2 boys in another boat, went up the river for 10 days' outing. We can't go this summer but we hope to sometime. It would be such a lot of fun I should think. They take cots, chairs, plenty of provisions along; they are going to read, play games, swim and rest, they said. We went down to the river to see them off. Our teacher, Miss Ogilvy, has had to give up her school and go to America. We are so sorry. Mr. Lee has engaged a Miss Armstrong to come out. The Lees left San Francisco Aug.2, and the Moffetts on Aug.9, so they will soon be here, and we will be so glad to have them back. Annual Meeting will be here in Sept. We have promised to entertain 6 guests. I wonder sometimes what I can get for so many to eat. It will make the cook sweat. I intend to attend the meetings, even if things are not so nicely done.

I wish you could see our darling baby; she has quit crying and is just as good as she can be. She is very plump and fat and grows every day. The other day Will said she looked like her Grandma Willison.



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She has small eyes but they are pretty and bright. I have her in short dresses and she does enjoy kicking, and she does a lot of it. She always has a smile for everybody and often laughs out-loud.

It certainly is fine to have the telephone. How nice for Add to call you when Mary and Perry were there and you could go over for a visit. My! but I wish we could have one, and could talk together whenever we want to. I fear if I was so I could visit you all I would get little else done.

I keep up my class work 3 times a week, besides teaching the servants every morning. I find I. Cor very difficult indeed, and I must close this letter and look over my lesson. I have to begin early in the week so it will soak in.

I must soon write to Della and Cozette; they wrote such nice long letters. She says they are so lonesome and miss Father and Mother so much. How I do wish Lean and Tirza would write. I mean to write to them even if they don't write to me. Did Ona teach? I haven't heard a word of either Forest or Ona since we left. Cozette spoke as if she was going to Oberlin I wonder if Essa will go away to school this Fall.

I trust you can find time to write real often. It does cheer me up a lot to get letters from home.

We all send lots of love, and baby sends a sweet smile to Aunt Jennie and Uncle Will.

Lovingly, Sallie.

Pyeng Yang, Korea - Aug.25, 1902

My dear Jennie,

I don't remember if I have written since I received your letter. I am sorry I have neglected my writing so much. This morning I am in no fit condition to write; only slept a few hours last night. For the past week I have suffered agonies with hemorrhoids, I suffered so much finally I had Dr. Wells remove them, but I have had no rest since,-they hurt nearly all the time. I really am so nervous I scarcely think. I was some better yesterday but felt miserable last night and today. However, I think I am a little better today.

I had so much to do to get ready for Annual Meeting which convenes here next month. We will probably have 6 guests,-4 to sleep here and 2 more for meals. I trust I will be entirely recovered in a few days, so I can work. I have a new wash-woman today; I haven't been able to see how she is doing it. She has washed for me before so I suppose the things will come out all right.

The rest of the family are well. Baby Esther is a treasure, she is so good, seldom ever cries. At 4 months she weighs 15 pounds. We have had a delightful summer, no real hot weather and now we feel that Autumn is drawing near. The cool nights make us draw up the blankets.

I have had a head-ache and it has effected my eyes so I can scarcely see. I can neither read nor sew today, and I write this with my eyes partly shut. Will write again soon; don't worry about me, it is nothing serious.

I trust you are all well. We all join in sending love.

Sallie.

(Enclosed are letters from the children)

## Exerpts from a Personal Diary of Sallie Swallen

Sept.28, 1902 - A beautiful day. Mrs. Webb taught the children's Sunday school. I had the Sunday school in Marquis Chapel. Mrs. Hunt and Miss Armstrong were there. Miss Armstrong came home with us to dinner. We went to church at 4:30; Mr. Noble preached from Col.1:16; he read his sermon. He so seldom comes that we were glad to hear him preach.

We repeated all the Psalms we know,- 1, 8, 19, 23, 24, 101, 100, 103. I wish we could repeat all that we have learned every Sunday. I read some in Leviticus but could not remember it.

Sept.29 - Olivette repeated I Cor.13. Mr. Morris took breakfast with us. Our conversation was about the oppression of these people by the officials. In Korean prayers we had the outline and thought on John 16. I had a carpenter make a box for our over-shoes. Spent most of the morning studying and marking my Bible. Miss Armstrong began teaching; we are all very glad to have her here. I knit some. Went to call on Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Sharrocks, also on Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Lee, also on Miss Armstrong, at the school-house. After we had our worship and the children were in bed I read Miss Stone's letter in the Sept. number of McClure's magazine...also some articles that are full of interest but dreadful to think about.

Sept.30, 1902 - Arose at 6:00, breakfast at 7:00. Repeated in concert Psalm 23. Mr. Morris led in prayer. In Korean prayers we read John 17:1-12. I had the carpenter fix the shelves in the window for my plants. Wrote in my diary, read a little, and the forenoon was gone.

Oct.1,1902 - Olivette repeated Psalm 1, Wilbur 100. In Korean prayers we read John 17:13 to the end. Bathed baby - then got out the paint, mixed and got it ready. Helped Wun Do's mother select a lesson for her class and looked over mine for the afternoon class. Went to class at 2 p.m.; the class was small; taught Luke 12:35-48. The principle thought was the importance of watching and readiness for Christ's Coming. Called a minute at Mrs. Lee's. Miss Miller called and took supper with us. Mrs. Lee called for a few minutes. Heard with regret that Mrs. Hall was coming back and bringing her boy (Sherwood). I heard the children's arithmetic lesson. Had our worship from Matt.21:1-16. I read and knit. At 9 p.m. Mr. Morris and Mr. Marshall of Chicago called; he had been to prayer meeting, - visited Pyeng Yang 11 hours.

Oct. 2, 1902 - A beautiful day. We each repeated a verse,-Olivette John 14:1-5, Wilbur Psalm 1, Mr. Morris - I, John 14:6. For Korean prayers we reviewed John 17



July 14, 1902 - Rainy, cloudy day.

Dr. Wells left at 9 a.m. for Syen Chun -a request from Dr. Sharrocks by telegram.

In the afternoon I saw after the planting out of some beautiful strawberry plants, given by Dr. Wells.

At 2:30 the Station had a meeting here. Nothing special was brought up. Will read his report on the Helpers Training Class. The subject of cholera was brought up and Mr. Hunt appointed to confer with Dr. Follwell as to .....

I committed in the morning Psalm 34:1-8, and also reviewed I Cor.13.

Oct. 4, 1902 - Threatening rain, then cleared up. Wind blew furiously. Olivette and Wilbur repeated Ps.23 trying to repeat it without one mistake. For Korean worship we read John 18:12-24. After baby's bath I spent the forenoon studying my S.S. lesson, -I Cor.12 : 14-31, -the thought in English is hard but it is worse to fit it into Korean. Tried for the first time to give the children their baths before dinner. At 2 p.m. I taught my class; every week I think I will certainly spend more time on the study of the lesson. God helping me I surely will so I can be of more help to the teachers. Ko Ssie and Suk Ssi were absent. After 4:00 I called at Mrs. Lee's to see them play "Ping Pong". Received 3 letters from Will; will be so glad when he comes home. Its 4 weeks since he left. The Mission has requested the Board to ask Dr. Irvin not to return. After supper the number lesson, then prayers - Matt.21

Oct. 5, 1902 - Olivette repeated Psalm 23, Wilbur 1. For Korean worship we had the S.S. lesson - I Cor.12: 14-31. we committedd verse 31. Mrs. Webb taught the children's S.S. I went to the Korean church. Mrs. Hunt took her class. The main, -to be content with the gifts God gives us; covet earnestly the best gift. Rested in the p.m. The poor woman whom I had helped when her husband had cholera came with a string of eggs; of course I would not accept them, and gave her a little basket of rice. Mr. Morris preached.

Oct. 6, 1902 - We read John 18:25. A beautiful day, Coal balls all made and dried. After baby's bath put Will's study in order. A Christian woman from Wonsan came to see me, my old Amah's sister; she seemed very happy to see me. In the forenoon a message came saying the folks were coming from Annual Meeting. At 2:30 they came; they had a most miserable voyage. Will was almost exhausted. Needless we were glad. He had been gone just 4 weeks to the day. Dr. and Mrs. Parsons came to visit the work. Mr. and Mrs. Kearns to join Syen Chun station Mrs. Noble, and took tea with us. Olivette, Wilbur & I <sup>called</sup> called to see Mrs. Moffett.

Wrote long neglected letters. Mrs. Sharrocks and Marion came for lunch and spent the afternoon. I knit while we visited, then she gave me some points on kindergarden. We had a very pleasant visit. After supper the children had their number lesson. I read them a story, we had our worship and retired.

Oct. 3, 1902 - Arose at 6:00 breakfast at 7:00 We repeated in concert Psalm 19. The last morning Mr. Morris will be with us for breakfast. We began John 18 in Korean prayers. I sent an invitation to the "Kindergarden party". Spent most of the forenoon making ice-cream and helping with the cake, etc. After dinner got the house in order and it was 3:00. Mrs. McGill and Willie could not come (Willie is sick with bronchitis) Those who came were Mrs. Sharrocks and Ella, Mrs. Hunt and Dorothy, William and Richard Baird, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Lee and Mylo, Margaret and Gra Scott and Virginia Wells, John Baird, Mrs. Noble and Ruth and Aldan, Myrtle and Stella McGill, Miss Miller and Miss Armstrong. We had a very happy time playing games. I served ice-cream and cake. After that the children stood up and sang "Little Feet be Careful". After supper the children had their number lesson and then worship, - Matt. 21:28-32.

Oct. 12, 1902 - A beautiful day. Will had the Korean worship, reading the S.S. lesson - I Cor 13:1-7 Miss Armstrong taught the children at S.S. Will went to the O-Sang. I stayed at home. This is the first Sunday Mrs. Lee had the S.S. at Marquis Chapel. I started dinner for the cook. Mr. and Mrs. Kearns and Mr. Barret were here for dinner. They all went to the Korean church. At 4:30 we all went to church, - Esther's first time at church. Mr. Hunt conducted the service, and baptized Arthur Ferris Baird; Dr. Moffett baptized Esther Lucile; Mr. Whittemore baptized Marion Sharrocks. The chapel was very nicely decorated with plants. Dr. Parsons preached.

Oct. 13, 1902 - Olivette repeated I Cor. 13. For Korean worship we had the outline John 19 and the teaching. Mrs. Blair came over to borrow some things for the evening social. After I bathed baby, I looked after the dinner and made chocolate ice-cream for Mrs. Blair. Dr. and Mrs. Sharrocks and Mr Barret were here for dinner.

Oct. 16 - 1902 - Was up very early helping to get Will ready to go by boat to Anak. He left at 10 a.m. expecting to be gone 6 weeks. It is lonesome enough to be alone, - that is the hard part of missionary life Called at Mrs. Lee's to say good-by to Dr & Mrs. Parsons....but they had gone.

Oct. 19, 1902 - A beautiful day. A busy Sunday morning as usual. Attendance was 80 at S.S.

Oct. 9, 1902 - A beautiful day. Each repeated a verse. We read John 19. I was busy putting the house in order. Dr. and Mrs. Parsons of Danville, Ill. and Mr. Whittemore were here for dinner; they had been to visit Keija's grave. In the afternoon I finished Jennie's letter and wrote to Miss Hillman. Will and I went to prayer meeting held at Dr. Moffett's, led by Mr. Barret of Taegu; his subject was Sanctification, Rom. 7. Dr. Parsons gave some helpful remarks.

Oct. 10, 1902 - Beautiful day. We repeated Ps. 19. Read John 19 for Korean worship. After baby's bath planned the dinner. Read a little in Numbers. I saw to the celery plants. Mr & Mrs. Kearns were here for dinner. Hunted up some patterns for Mrs. Kearns. Wrote a letter to Lulu Frey. Read a little more in Num Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Sharrocks called. I promised to take Miss Armstrong to board while Mrs. Hunt is in the country. After supper had our worship, Matt. 23:34-24:1 I had the children's number lesson.



Pyeng Yang, Korea - Nov.3, 1902

My dear Jennie,

I had intended to write last week, but it seemed everything else crowded it out. I am truly busy these days. Will is away for a 6 weeks' trip; took our house-boy who does his cooking. I have Miss Armstrong, our teacher, to board, while Mrs. Hunt is in the country, and Mrs. Blair takes her dinner with us while Mr. Blair is away. And with other company now and then it keeps me busy keeping the house clean, and I nearly always have to set the table and arrange things. Today for dinner I had Mr. Barret of Taegu, who is visiting here and other stations. I have to see to every bit of the garden, and everything else on the place. I just finished having a shed built to put the feed for the cow, to keep it out of the rain. I have had the wood-work on the outside of the house painted; had one coat and will have another as soon as it clears up again.

This morning I began having trenches dug to store some winter celery. My celery has done well and I will have quantities for winter use. We have such a nice lot of vegetables for winter,- so much winter cabbage and potatoes enough to do us the whole year. We're having nice sweet potatoes which Mr. Baird has raised on the school ground. I have my plants all in the house and the others ready to put in the cellar. Do you put your geraniums in earth when you put them in the cellar? Some say to hang them up without any earth about them. I am trying to keep my heliotrope over by putting it in the cellar. I have 2 fine plants in the house; one is now in bloom. The Japanese hibiscus is blooming; it is quite pretty but disappointing because the flower only stays out one day and then closes. Our sweet violets are true to their name. I've a long box the length of the window, full, and a pot of one across the room. The rooms they are in are full of the sweet fragrance. Some of my seedling Crysanthemums are blooming and are very pretty, and so interesting to watch and see what they are to be like.

We have a queer plant; marked on the paper, Viola. It is now in bloom, neither a violet nor a pansy,- just about between, I should think. It is quite pretty. I have 5 primroses. How pretty they are ! Not yet in bloom, but the plant itself is pretty. I want to ask what you do with your plants in the winter,- how do you water them? every day or 3 times a week? Cosmos is still looking quite pretty and so in the mignonette.

Today it is raining and no doubt after this rain it will turn colder, and then I will have to see about getting our vegetables in the cellar. The beautiful clear days we have been having make me homesick for a long drive in the buggy.

Nov.3, 1902

What a treat it would be to take a ride! The children have 2 donkeys which are so gentle. I am going to buy them each a little saddle and let them learn to ride alone. Will looks so comical on the little donkey, but it says it is fine to ride and saves a lot of expense. Miss Esty of the M.E. Mission has a cart and horse, which she uses in her itinerating. How often our children talk about Spot and wish we could have a good long ride in the buggy. Just this morning Gertrude was talking about Grandpa, and how he tried to lift her on his lap. She will always remember them both. How glad we are that the children will have these recollections of their Grandpa and Grandma and the old house. I wouldn't have missed that year at home for anything. I only wish I could have stayed with Mother until the last. It is so lonesome for me even this far away, and although they never wrote themselves, I was always expecting word from them through someone. And I always could think of our home as it was. Now it is all so changed, and everyone but you seem too busy to write. I only wish they could take a little time, for it does me such a lot of good. Sometimes I think I will write even if they don't. I am sending each one a report and would write if only I had time. I must begin to study for the Fall Training Class, which begins Nov.22. I teach the "Life of Christ", an hour each day. Our new Sunday school, at the new church, is well attended, for a beginning; yesterday 80 S.S. sheets were distributed. I have 37 enrolled in my class.

Monday, Nov.10th - One week ago I began this letter, and here it is still unfinished. It must go in this boat today. This morning we received an announcement of the marriage of Will's nephew, Arthur Swallen, to a lady in Alliance. He is a music teacher in Canton. Also a letter from Will's sister Sophy; she sent such a cunning little hood to Baby. It would do your heart good to see our sweet baby. She is just as good as she can be, always has a smile for everyone

Just at present a Mr. Geil and his secretary are visiting our Station. He is spending 4 years visiting Missions and mission work, as an independent and unbiased observer. He expects to write 3 books, as a report of his work. Last week he gave us an interesting talk one evening, about the Great Revival in Australia, in which he and Mr. Torrey of the Moody school were helping. It was wonderful; a wonderful awakening of the people and work of the Spirit. Yesterday he spoke at our English service on Rev. 3:14-22, and gave us just a glimpse of something of what the ancient city of Laodicean was and as he saw it in its ruins.

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And an account of his sitting on the throne of one of the highest Rabbis in Jerusalem, with the rabbi sitting in his beautiful long garments. He said he could just get a little glimpse of what Christ meant when He said to the Laodicean church, the wickedest of all 7 churches, "To him that over-cometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne."

He is a splendid speaker, and one, I think, would never tire of hearing him. He is a young man from Philadelphia, and is sent out by rich Christian men to see the Mission work with unprejudiced eyes, and report to them just as he finds it. Since he came here he has made a trip into the country; would not take any foreign food, and did not want to take any bedding. But Mrs. Moffett persuaded him to. It wasn't 2 days until he sent back for some foreign food. It reminds me of the "The Bishop's Conversion".

I must close and send this to the office. Hoping to hear from you soon. I shall soon write again. We all send lots of love and Esther, as sweet smile. Will is still away and won't be abck until Dec  
Lovingly,

Sallie.

The children are sending their letters for SantaClaus if Will will please put them in his paper.

Pyeng Yang, Korea - Dec.4, 1902

My dear Jennie,

I should have written before this but I haven't had time for anything except looking after the house and baby, and that only just as little as I could, for I have been teaching in the Women's Bible Class almost 2 hrs. a day, beside the time it took for preparation, and that was good deal of time. I taught the "Life of Christ" from a translation of Stalker's. Each day I had from 10 - 15 questions made out, and then for the Review I used them. There were 49 in the Class, and the average was 44. This was the advanced division. There are 4 divisions. The 2nd was so large it had to be divided in 2 classes. There were 302 enrolled in the Class, so this was the largest class we ever had, and my class was the best and most satisfactory I have ever had.

Westerday I had an examination of what we had gone over in the 9 lessons. I asked them 5 and 6 questions each, and nearly all answered well; only 2 failed. One old woman 80 years old came again, and she did as well as the young women. It is wonderful to have a clever mind and she has, and how well she can read! Her answers were as clear as any of the women,



Dec.4, 1902

I am not certain, but I think she came about 25 mi.

We are sending a young woman to Seoul to school from Will's district. She is very bright & promising. We also have 2 poor little orphans we have taken out of pity; and have them in a good Christian family. They are here in the Girls Day School, able to enter the 2nd Grade. Will came home last Friday night after an absence of 6 weeks. He is well and looks well and fat; does not look as if he had been away so long. He will be home now until in Feb. The Bible Training Class for men begins Dec.17 and continues until in Jan

These cold windy days remind us that winter is near. I have all my winter vegetables in the cellar. What a nice lot I have! I wish you could have some of the celery,-I have so much. Today our boy began to paste up the windows; when that is all done I feel quite ready for the cold weather. Now since the Class is over I must do some sewing. I really haven't done any since we came back, only to patch and fix up some of our old clothes. Wilbur has come to his very last pair of pants, and they are his good Sunday pants, so I must get a pair finished this week. Esther is growing so fast it won't be long until I will have to make her some clothes. She sits quite alone but takes a tumble now and then. What a happy, sweet baby she is! Only wish you could see and enjoy her, too. Just as soon as I can I want to get her picture and send it. I wish I had it now to send you for Christmas.

I must close for this time as I want to get the mail off on this boat. We all join in sending love and best wishes.

Your sister, Sallie Swallen.

Pyeng Yang, Korea - Dec. 30, 1902

My dear Jennie,

The day before Christmas our hearts were gladdened to receive the loving remembrances for each one. It was so thoughtful and kind of you to remember us, and how much it is appreciated! We all send our many thanks and Baby Esther her sweet little smile. She thinks the little chamois shoes are so pretty, she wants to eat them all at once. Etta, too, remembered us. I am so glad for the group picture of the Sunbury High school girls. Many thanks. I have it on my desk and often look at each face.

Listen to the compliment Will paid you,-he said, "Who is that nice looking girl?" pointing to you in the group. I only wish I could have been there. I am going to make an effort to send some pictures before the next reunion,-the children on the donkeys, etc.

Dec.30, 1902

On that day he preached 3 times. Monday he was taken sick and went Home in less than 2 weeks. Sat. eve after he was gone we met and covered the casket which Mr. Lee and the carpenter had made, and lined it with muslin, then with Korean white silk draping it on the side and top. We sent flowers and green leaves and almost covered the lid, so it looked very pretty. We feel so sorry for his poor wife who is quite alone, as they had had no children. Again we are reminded how uncertain is life, but how certain is death. If we are all as well prepared to leave this world as Dr. Rankin seemed to be, We had him to supper one evening and he visited my class. The children were carried away with him. Gertrude sewed a card for him for Christmas, but he never got to see it.

Friday - Jan. 2, 1903

Yesterday was New Years. I was at home all day. We went to prayer meeting in the evening. We had a few Korean callers, but since we have done away with the custom of receiving all the Christians on that day, not so many came. Yesterday we were surprised to find Gertrude breaking out with chicken-pox. She had not been feeling well; I was careful about her food and gave her castor oil. She is up all the time and does not seem sick. I suppose we are in for all of them to have it, Baby Esther has had quite a serious time with her vaccination. I had her vaccinated and thought it was not taking, so Dr. Wells came and vaccinated her again. And they both took with a vengeance. Poor little thing, she was real sick, but is quite over it now, for which I am glad.

I must close and must send this to the office. I will try to write soon again.

With lots of love, Sallie.

Jan.15, 1903

My dear Sister Jennie,

I am reminded that this is your 36th birthday, so I must write and tell you we have been thinking of you and wish we could have you and Will here for dinner. I would have a Birthday Cake and a big dinner, -even if the children do have chicken-pox. Wilbur is in bed well broken out and so is baby Esther, but she doesn't seem to mind it. Olivette feels mean so I did not let her go to school today. Tomorrow she will be down with them. Gertrude is all over them now and she feels fine. Esther got over her vaccination and is becoming used to Mellon's Food, so when she gets over chicken-pox will be ready to grow still faster. When the children can't go out-doors they're lively

Jan.15, 1903

I am pretty tired before night comes. Yesterday and today I have been having a bad head-ache. I think my stomach is out of order.

I have just finished my Spring order; how relieved

I feel when it is sealed and sent. I had to think ahead for things until the last of next November. One more pair of little feet to think of shoes for. Shoes for a family of 6 is no little thing to think so far ahead for. Still, we have catalogues and it isn't so hard as to go to the store shopping. especially in Chicago. I have to get some sewing done, -how I dread it until I get my hand in. If I had a chance I would have Mrs. Johnson do it and never say a word if the stitches were not so short. How glad I have been that I had a lot done at home; but the sleeves are beginning to creep up the arms and Olivette's skirts are too short now, etc.

Today Will closed the first Theological class for students for the ministry. 6 are studying. They stayed 2 weeks after the Training class closed, for their own special study. In April they come again for another 2 weeks and then in the summer again, and so on, studying as the missionaries have time to teach them.

I must close and study my Sunday school lesson.

I am sending a tie hem-stitched by the cook, in a package with the reports of Syen Chun and Fusan. Hope you will get it. I intended as much as could be to get a package started before Christmas but we were so much absorbed in ourselves here that I simply neglected it, I'm so sorry. But we will think of you some of these times. We all send lots of love and best wishes for a happy Birthday, hoping you have many more returns of the day.

Lovingly, Sallie.

Feb.25, 1903

My dear Jennie,

It has been a long time since I have written or since I have heard from you. You will not wonder that I have not written when I tell you how busy I have been. I think I told you our children had chicken pox in January. They hadn't gotten over it when Wilbur took whooping-cough (where he ever got it I can't imagine). He has had it almost 6 weeks, and Olivette got it 3 weeks ago; Gertrude 3 weeks ago tomorrow and baby 3 weeks on Friday. since she began to cough.

Wilbur still coughs but he is much better. Olivette,

Gertrude and the baby are just passing through the hardest, I guess. Sat. and Sun. Esther was very bad.

We could not help being anxious about her. On Mon. she was some better and yesterday was much better. Of course she still coughs hard but not so often, we think and the doctor says if nothing sets in she will get well



Feb.25, 1903

these beautiful flowers do bring to us! Almost every meal Will says, "What a beautiful window!"

I am sending to Henderson Co. for a few more seeds, and will start a few more plants this summer. I want the asparagus fern, and since it comes from seed I can have it. The sweet violets bloom nearly all the time and fill the room with sweet fragrance. I have 5 roses started. When Mary Lou died the LaFrance had one bud almost half open. I took it off, tied it with white ribbon and sent it to Mrs. Wells. I thought it was appropriate just at that time, for Mary Lou certainly was a beautiful little Rosebud. Will was about 15 mile out on his way home from Syen Chun when he heard about her death. As he rode along he jotted down some verses about her that he fixed up and then sent to Dr and Mrs. Wells.

I will try to write again in a few days.  
We all send love.                      Lovingly,              Sallie.

March 2, 1903

My dear Jennie,

Your letter of Jan. was received yesterday, and instead of putting it with my package of unanswered letters I will write immediately and try and make up for the long time I did not write.

I am sure you will be anxious to hear about the children after reading the letter I sent the other day.

This is 6 weeks for Wilbur and 4 weeks for the other 3 children, and still they all cough and cough hard, yet I feel sure they must be over the worst. Esther eats and sleeps well and keeps her strength up. The other three play out of doors and seem all right except their appetites are not at all good. Yesterday all of a sudden Gertrude's temperature went up to 100 We were alarmed for fear it might be measles, but a big dose of castor oil had the desired effect and she was much better by night and is all right today. Will was saying, "What would we do without castor oil?" Olivette says, that all I doctor with is castor oil and quinine.

I am so thankful for these beautiful days. They remind us that Spring is very near. I am kept quite close at home these days because my amah is away and I can't leave baby scarcely a minute alone, for fear she will cough and choke. I had her out about an hour today and it did her good. I just thought, Oh! for an hour or two's ride in a buggy! It seems to me it would cure us all. I almost get homesick sometimes to get out. I have given up all my Korean work since the children took sick. My class closed just in time. I held a class for women 12 days in the city.

March 2, 1903

I was much pleased with the attendance and interest manifested; almost 100 were enrolled.

Our children kept fairly well as long as the class lasted, but began getting worse in a few days after it closed. I am sorry the children can't go to school; they have had to miss so much, and there's no telling how much longer they will have to stay out. Now that they are better and Olivette's eyes are better I intend they shall study at home.

Will leaves day after tomorrow for a short trip to Anak, his district in Whang Hai province. This month the Spring Class for women is held here in Pyeng Yang. I have the first half of Stalker's "Life of Christ" to teach, and I must soon begin to prepare. The preparation for teaching is what takes one's time; I have to spend hours on some of my lessons.

Baby wants to go to sleep so I must make her food and feed her. She is doing very well on Mellin's Food and cow's milk. I wish you could see baby, she is so cunning and one of the best babies, -happy all the time. As soon as she is over this cough and can be out of doors a lot of the time, I am sure she will pick up and get fat. She is very thin, and I am glad she is for I don't believe thin babies have as hard a time when they are sick as those that are fat.

We have been thinking of that young Korean Prince who is at Delaware in school. I suppose he is not the heir to the throne, nor the real wife's son of the Emperor, -he is the son of a concubine, and we wonder if he hasn't a wife here in Seoul. It would not be Korean custom if he hasn't. What a pity for young women at home to lose their heads and throw themselves away in such a way as that.

Dr. Philip Jaison, a Korean who was in America for 14 years and married an American lady (naturalized too) has turned out bad and his wife has left him, we have heard. She was out here for sometime and they both returned to the States together. It is very likely that no one in the United States who knows Prince Yi thinks of him as being married; he is quite young, but it would be very strange indeed if he is not. Mrs. Bashford wrote me that there are 4 Koreans in school at Delaware. She and Dr. Bashford remembered me with a beautiful O.W.U. calendar.

What a nice time you must have had and how very thoughtful for you to get our family together. How I wish I could have such a gathering! It is one way to keep the family ties from getting broken. Oh! I do wish they would settle without any trouble.....

I wish you knew how much good your letters do me

March 2, 1903

I just get homesick to hear from home. I can't help but think of Father and Mother a lot of the time, and it is so hard not to have the old home to think about. Now in 3 more days it will be 2 years since Father was taken. What changes since then! Every day, it seems to me, I realize more and more how soon it will be when we will be just where Pa and Ma were. Life is too short, and death too certain to have our hearts on these worldly things. There are Mansions being prepared for us. Why need we care about the things of the world? I can't bear to think of anyone fussing over a few paltry dollars.

Well, I must stop. We all send love.

Lovingly, Sallie.

P.S. This is Thursday and I will add a note. I was just rereading your letter so I will answer your questions while I think of it.

Indeed, Dr. Vinton is having a sad time (his wife died) The children have had scarlet fever,-how many we have not heard. Little Cadway, the little boy 3 yrs old died of it,-a beautiful boy. Their children are fine looking and nicely behaved. Miss Wambold bathes baby Blanche every day and Dr. Vinton has her crib near his desk so he takes the entire care of her.

As far as we know he intends to keep the children all here in Korea. How long he can keep up his work and care for them remains to be seen. They have well trained servants. I think Mrs. Vinton said their cook had been with them 9 years. Two of the Miller children have been with the Lees all winter, but it was thought best to send them to Seoul. Mr. Miller has a foreign family in his house,-Mr. and Mrs. Morris (Americans) Mr. Morris works in the electric plant. I think he and the children board with them. It is truly sad to think of the little motherless flocks.

You said you quilted my quilt. I did not know I had one at home; am glad if I have. Many thanks for your kindness. I often wish some of my things here were in America. When we come home I intend to bring some of our quilts and things that are precious and we don't use. Today - March 24, is Will's 45 birthday. I don't believe he thought of it. I intend to surprise him this evening by having Dr. and Mrs. Whiting over for supper. This is prayer meeting evening and he leads, or I would invite several others in.

Sallie.



Pyeng Yang, Korea - April 22, 1903

My dear Jennie,

Your letter of March 9 came last eve. How glad I was! It did seem a long time since I had heard from you. I had intended to write before this but I have been so busy. Our Spring order from Smith's just came Monday, and I have been trying to get things put away. It is a real task and one I don't like very much. As we expect to have Annual Meeting here in Sept I got more supplies that I would have if we did not expect a lot of guests. I have big papered boxes in the attic which are nice to keep the flour in and other things, and I have closed boxes in the cellar like yours to put the canned goods in. I sent for more glass jars and intend to put up all the fruit we use here at home. I got a real pretty blue print dress and am well pleased with the gingham for Olivette and Gertrude and Wilbur's waists. I don't intend to make many new things for the children until the old ones are everyone worn out. I can let down and let out Olivette's aprons and dresses I got in America. I have just let down the sleeves to their plaid dresses, and that blue dress you made Gertrude with gilt braid I have made over and put the little tucked ruffles on and really it looks like new. Gertrude has finished up her gingham aprons; she is just in rags and I must make her one or two this week. I haven't made Esther one dress yet, but she is badly needing some. How she does grow! She was one year old last Sat. She doesn't even creep yet, but I am not alarmed because she is slow. I have had to keep her off the floor and she has had no chance to learn.

I can't say how thankful I am that they are all over the whooping-cough. They still cough just a little but I am sure it must be just the last. The measles and mumps are thick in the city and a great deal of fever they say. I am doing all I can to keep our children from taking anything else. It seems they have had enough for one winter.

Just about the time you and Will had the grippe, Will came home the country sick. It took him about 2 weeks to get over it. The first of this month he left again and will return next week. I will be glad not only to have him home but I want the boy to help me clean house. I think men can do so much better cleaning and keeping the house in order than women.

I haven't put my plants out yet. I think I will put all the old geraniums in the ground. I have most of the flower seeds in and the dahlias set out. I have some garden made but not all yet. I am disappointed with out asparagus bed, -it doesn't seem to amount to much. Will soon have plenty of rhubarb then we will have some good pies.

April 22, 1903

I got some lemons in this order and it is fine to have lemonade, a real treat we think.

Next week the school for young women will close. I have 2 hrs. a week; am teaching John.

Its a little early, but the Wells leave in June, and Mrs. Wells who has charge of it has a good bit to do so she decided to close. I am glad for I am so busy and it takes time to prepare and teach. We want to start a boarding school for girls in the Fall, but unless the single ladies can take charge it can't be done. We who have families can help do the teaching but to have the respknsibility is out of the question. After Dr. Wells leaves we can turn the hospital into a girls' school, and they are going to build a new hospital, farther away from our community, which is most satisfactory to us all. I will only have the teachers' class and the Sunday school this summer, which I find will be quite enough work for me. I will be glad when we have finished II Cor,-the Epistles are so difficult. It is hard in English to get the thought, and then to have to study it out in Korean. But it is just what these Korean Christians need; so many of the lessons apply to them and they take the truths to themselves.

Well, I must close. With lots of love,

Your sister, Sallie.

Pyeng Yang, Korea-May 6, 1903

My dear Jennie,

Your letter of March 24 came today.

Whether I answered the one of March 9 I do not remember. I know I began o.e, but like so many I am interrupted before I get through, then they are shoved aside and I forget. I was so glad to hear that the trouble was settled. Ella wrote me that it was settled but she did not say how. I surely feel sorry for Terz.....

We are going to try and save as much as we can during these 8 years, for I realize that it will take something to educate the children. Their schooling now is very reasonable indeed. I don't believe it averages \$10. gold a month, and it will continue to be less as more children attend.....

Ella writes me that Etta is in school; I am so glad and only trust she will keep on. Yesterday I received Cozette's picture; it is quite good but doesn't do her justice. The position is not good. I feel I would like to turn around and look her in the face. She wrote me a nice letter. Her opportunities are golden and I hope she improves them .....

It is time to feed Esther so I must close; will try to finish tomorrow.

May 6, 1903

Thursday morning -

While the children are dressing I will write some more. We are having breakfast at 7:00 and it does take hustling to get them ready. Esther is still sleeping. She is put to bed at 6:00 and sleeps until 7 a.m. without a sound all night. I know you would think she is a darling, she is so cunning. She will soon be creeping; she stands alone holding on to things now and since it is warmer she can be down on the floor.

I found out the other day that there is a Japanese photographer here and he does real good work. We are going to call him up and will have the children's picture taken so you can see how they have grown. The films came the other day so I am going to take the children with the donkeys some of these days. I am really too busy now sewing, to get much else done. The children were out of clothes, -all were too small. Yesterday I fixed 5 for Esther. She has never had one new dress yet, but I will soon have to make some new ones. I intend to keep her in white all summer if I can. It will take one a day, I expect, but I have a big stout wash-woman who is able for it. The cook I have had for so long left us the other day I rebuked her about some careless work and Will happened along just then and he told her she must listen and do just as I said. She got mad and said she would leave. I was glad and told her she could so as she liked. She was a real trial to me and I put up with her so long because they were so poor, and her boy was in school. It seemed too bad to have him quit and work as a coolie. Now since she is gone I am quite relieved. The house-boy will help in the kitchen until he learns. He can do very well already. He made fine bread the other day. I will soon teach him how to make pies and cake. We use so many more pies since we came back. I think they are fine for dinner. How good the rhubarb pie is! Today I made a lemon pie, -think of the extravagance of having a lemon pie out here in Korea! Another luxury we are having is cottage cheese. We keep 2 cows, sell 1 qt. of milk a day and have all we want to use and drink. I don't try to make butter, -don't have enough milk to bother with. I did make some butter once this Spring to get some buttermilk.

I haven't cleaned house yet; thought I would get some of the sewing out of the way and wait until the cold weather was over and I could take down the stove and put the rugs and curtains away. Then I'd put down the matting for the summer. Now that Will will be here this month I can have the boy help. He is so clean and neat about everything he does.



May 6, 1903

Will was detained here to help Mr. Baird in the boys Academy. Mr. Baird said if someone would not help him he would have to close the school....so many boys and no one to help him teach them. So the Station asked Will to finish out the school year. It will close in June and then he will make one short trip to the country.

Oh! how I do wish I could come and see you all, and you could see the children. Olivette and Wilbur wrote letters. They were very happy that they so surprised us "May Day" evening. They catch butterflies bugs, worms and put them in bottles to take to school. The latest is a magpie which some Korean caught for Miss Armstrong. Wilbur took enough feed for half a doz. birds today. Richard Baird has measles; I expect our children will be next.

I must close or this letter will be too heavy.

We all send love,

Sallie.

June 15, 1903

My dear Jennie,

It seems a long time since I have heard from you and a long time since I have written.

I intend to begin this now,-not that I will have time to finish it today, but will try to send it by some boat this week. If you could see the quantities of strawberries I have on hand, and just gave away more than 2 gal! I have canned 27 qts; made some jam and jelly, and have given away a lot of them. This morning we picked more than 2 dish=pans full, and one patch has not been picked yet. The vines we set out last year have done splendidly,-such large beautiful berries! We have had all we could eat 3 times a day for 2 weeks, and trust they will last 2 weeks longer. I have lots of red, white, and black currants, and quantities of gooseberries, and there will be quantities of raspberries and blackberries. I won't have to send to America for any fruit or jams this year. We will only have samples of the other fruits; the trees are much too small yet to bear much. What a luxury it is to have these delicious fruits!

Will left 3 weeks tomorrow so he has missed all the berries thus far. I am expecting him home this evening or tomorrow, so I hope he will get some of them yet.

This has been an unusual Spring with plenty of rain so everything is in a flourishing condition. My garden and flowers look nice. I have 30 pots of chrysanthemums. I might join your show in October!

June 15, 1903

The coleusos are coming out fine; I slipped them and set out all the old ones in the ground. I have 5 rose slips growing so nicely which I slipped last June. I love to care for the flowers; they seem next to my children and bring cheer to our home. I sent to Henderson Co. and got canna seed; they are up, also asparagus fern and several other kinds that are not up yet.

I have been and am still so busy, -have the house cleaned except the kitchen and laundry room; had some varnishing and painting done and still have some more to do yet. I expect I will be all summer getting my sewing done. The old cook I had for so long left about a month ago, so I took Will's boy who goes to the country with him for our cook. He is so bright and clean that it is quite a relief to be rid of the other cook, but now since he in the country I have the cooking to do. I have a bright little woman who is learning fast to do so many things. I also have another woman who is real bright. She is a widow 20 years old; her brother sold her 2 or 3 months ago and when the man came to take her away, her mother-in-law sent her away or hid her so she escaped and came to Pyeng Yang, but the Koreans say she is not safe unless she is in one of the missionaries' houses. So I have taken her and am teaching her for a while.

You should see Esther with the Amah (or nurse) When she hears Amah's voice she begins to cry and waits for her to come to take her up. Esther can creep and walk holding on to things. We think she grows sweeter every day. She is ever so well and I hope she will continue so all summer. I intend to be very careful of her during the hot weather.

Have I written since Bishop Moore and his son Julian were here? The Annual Meeting was held in Seoul. After it closed he came to Pyeng Yang to dedicate the new M.E.church. They have a real nice brick church. I can see it now as I sit here by the window. It is on a high hill like our church is, where they can be seen for miles, - a real light in this dark heathen city. We entertained the Bishop and his son one evening for supper, and they called here before they left. We enjoyed their visit so much. This is his last year in the East; a new Bishop will be sent next year, and he said he would not be surprised if it will be Dr. Bashford. He goes home in time for the General Conference.

Two new men, Mr. J.Z.Moore and Mr. Becker were sent here to Korea. Dr.McGill and his family were sent back to Seoul. We felt bad to lose them but they did not like Pyeng Yang and wanted to go. Strange, we think. Seoul would be the last place I would want to go to live and do missionary work. Dr.McGill has his work over 100 miles from Seoul in the south, so his family will

Pyeng Yang, Korea - July 23, 1903

My dear Jennie,

Though I have as yet received no letter I am going to write again. I think your letters must have been lost in the mail, for it has been such a long time, March or April, and it does seem ages. I see in the Independent accounts of where you and Will have been places so I suppose you are well. The other day I received a letter from Etta written June 8th telling of the arrival of their new baby and she sent me pictures of their house, and little Charles' picture. What a sweet little fellow he is! What a nice home she has! She says she just enjoys life and is so happy over her little Celia Elizabeth. How I would like to see Etta and all at home. If we could only come home for a little while what a treat it would be!

I wish you could see Esther. She is the joy and pet of this household. She is beginning to walk alone; every day she seems to pick up a little more courage and venture a little farther. Yesterday several times she walked across the room alone. She goes to the store-room door and stands and pounds and calls until we get her some crackers; then she is happy and goes off laughing. She doesn't untie my apron-strings, like Gertrude did, but she won't go to sleep unless she has one quilt made of silk.

We are all keeping so well this summer, for which I am truly thankful. There is a great deal of dysentery among the Koreans; so many have died of it.

I hear Esther so I must make her food for breakfast.... Now she has had her bath and breakfast. Will tells me he is sending his letter to the office as the boat leaves at noon so I must send this.

These are beautiful days in the midst of the rainy season and our garden and yard look fine. A great many in our Station are preparing for a vacation, and are going up the river in house-boats. We will stay at home all summer. Will takes the children bathing in the little river quite often, and they are learning to swim. Tomorrow we have a Korean wedding, - Will's Helper, Ee Kiphunie, is to marry a little widow from here and they will go to Anak next week. They are breaking Korean custom and will have a plain wedding without the feast, and she will wear the white band around her head and leave off the paraphernalia. I wish I had time to write more but will send this much this time so that you may know we are all well.

We all join in sending lots and lots of love.

Your sister, Sallie.



Pyeng Yang, Korea - August 11, '03

My dear Jennie,

Your letter of June 25 was received a few days ago. Well! I was truly glad to hear from you; it did seem so long since I had heard. You surely work too hard; I fear you will overdo some of these days and bring on that dreadful sickness you have had so often. You can't afford to do it. I wish you wouldn't try to do your work yourself, but I know it must be nice to be alone sometimes. I keeps me busy to keep the Koreans busy.

This has been such a busy summer for me; we have had so much fruit and still it continues. We have enjoyed it so much having peaches from our own trees, - not many but enough for samples. I never knew Korean peaches, the red ones, to be so plentiful and cheap. They are not as good as the white peaches that are ripe in September, and are more like those at home.

We are truly having a rainy season. We have never seen one like it since we have been in PyengYang so much rain and so little sunshine. Yesterday was a clear, beautiful day which we certainly did enjoy. I invited all of our community who are left here (the others having gone up the river) For their vacation they fix up a big flat boat like a house-boat and live on the river for 2 weeks or more. We thought we would be more comfortable in our house, especially since Esther is inclined to get upset so easily. She has had diarrhea for almost 2 weeks; is cutting 4 molars 3 are through and one just coming. For the last 2 days she has been much better and I think we have the diarrhea checked. It requires care and constant watching to get the little ones through their 2nd summer. She hasn't been nearly as sick as Gertrude was her 2nd summer. I feel thankful that the hot trying weather is swiftly coming to a close.

Now it is the 12th of August, and about the 20th or so the rainy season is usually over. Surely old Mother Earth is about as full of water now as she can be. Yesterday it rained almost all day, and is still cloudy this morning. You see, I began this letter yesterday afternoon. I feel so relieved, for I just finished our Smith Order and sent it off. It is no little task to make it out for so many and for so many months ahead. I think the shoes and stockings are about the most difficult to keep on hand. However, our children are not so hard on them, or else it would be much worse.

These rainy days, especially in the afternoon, we spend the time playing games and being lazy. How the children enjoy playing crokenole!

Aug.12, 1903

We have no board but Mr. Blair let us have theirs. I am sending for one and for some other games. I wish we had Ping Pong, a fine game, certainly one of the best indoor games. We have a good tennis court and have used it a great deal during the Spring and summer. It will be nice when the children are large enough to play

It isn't quite a month until Annual Meeting will begin. It is to be held here, and also the Council meeting. We were to have 6 guests but I think not all are coming. We are so glad to have it here,--the only times, I suppose, I will ever get to attend, for I never could go to Seoul. We have 7 members of Seoul Station spending the summer here in Pyeng Yang, and next week 3 come from Syen Chun to stay until after the Annual Meeting....Dr. & Mrs. Sharrocks and Miss Shields

We haven't decided yet, but think we will hire one of the boats when the others return and go up the river for several days, especially if the weather is good, and warm enough for bathing. How the children do enjoy it, but this has been an unfavorable season,--the river is too high and muddy.

This is Thursday morning and your letter not yet finished. Yesterday I spent the day sewing,--have made me a waist and morning jacket. Now I am going to begin making Esther some clothes; she has had to wear the other children's old ones until she is just about in rags. She is so cunning. She goes to sleep with a soft little quilt, like Gertrude did with the apron-strings. She calls it "ebul" (the Korean word for quilt) and won't sleep until she has it. It seems just too bad you can't see her in her babyhood; as they grow older they lose so much of their sweetness and cunning little ways. Gertrude grows like a weed; she is like Wilbur was when we left 2 years ago, and Wilbur is now the size and age of Olivette then.

On Monday Olivette was 10. She is growing to be a big girl and how soon-- only too soon, they will all be big and have to be put in school. I will be glad when the school begins here in Sept. The children are truly having a vacation,--they don't read or study. We try to have Olivette and Wilbur learn the catechism, 2 each week, and we read to them. I am reading an interesting book, "Heidi", one that Prof. Darst recommended. They would sit and listen for hours if I would read right along. How I would like to see Etta and her babies! I am so glad to hear she is so well. It would be a treat to be able to come home for a little while to see you all. It was just 2 years last Monday since we left. How time does fly! It won't be long any more until our furlough will be due again,-- only too soon in some ways.

Aug.18, 1903

I am sure if we all keep well we, too, will go up next summer. The Lees are spending a month on the river. Esther is quite well again, but thin and pale. I feel thankful that the summer is so nearly over. Still it rains; today is so cloudy and damp I had to build a fire in my bedroom.

I often see in the Independent where there has been a mad dog killed or some excitement about one. I am sure we have had 6 or 7 so-called mad dogs either going through our yard or killed. Week before last a mad dog bit our dog just outside the yard. The children were quite near it. So that evening to the children's sorrow the dog had to be shot. Only last week the Blair's little house-dog was bitten and the mad dog ran into our yard and they shot it. We have taken all precaution to fix up our fence and stop every crack, but in spite of it all they some way get in. It is a strange fact that the Koreans only eat dog-meat during this month or during our so-called "dog-days". We thought we would try to get a little foreign dog for the children, but we have about given up the idea, for it will be of little use and we run a risk in having a dog on the place. ,,, The children have 2 little rabbits, white & black and the chickens for their pets, beside the donkeys. Today they are looking over the picture cards and getting them ready to paste in a scrap book. They must be employed constantly else they get into mischief. I will be glad when school begins and then they will be kept busy. We will send Gertrude this year. She is growing so tall and slim. We think she looks so much like Cosette used to. This summer I keep her hair braided and it makes such a change in her looks. As soon as we can get enough sunshine I want to get the Japanese photographer up and have their pictures taken.

Here it is August and time for the Sunbury reunion, and I did not write as I had intended. I wish now I had taken time and written, but so many things have to be neglected. Miss Hillman says the 8th wonder to her is how I ever do get so much done. The Korean work comes every week and can't be neglected. The Sunday school teachers' class has been assigned to me for the coming year and no doubt I will have to take my share of the teaching in the Girls school. The school is to be started this Fall with a boarding department. We are going to use the hospital for the girls' school and next summer a new hospital will be built. The timbers for it have already come.



Aug. 18, 1903

This Fall our Mission is to have 6 new missionaries. Two are now on the way, having sailed Aug. 8th. We hope 2 single ladies will be appointed here. We need more workers and must have them if the work is to be carried on. Week after next Will leaves for a short trip in his district before Annual Meeting. He goes down in a boat, so that part will be pleasant.

What a nice trip you and Will must have had! I hope you kept well. I fear you are working entirely too hard. I don't think you should do it; you ought to take good care of yourself and be very careful not to over-do. The services at the dedication of the church must have been very helpful and uplifting. What a pleasure it would have been to have seen and heard Rev. Watson and Rev. Hawk. I would have liked being there myself. The church must be very nice and convenient. In the memorial windows we children put in one in memory of Pa and Ma, I don't see Tirza's name. Who paid my part? did you? How much was it? I want it paid out of our money. Are our names put on the window? I hope not. I have seen the names sometimes on the windows of those who gave, besides those to whom it was given. I don't like that part of it.

How is Lean and what is Ona doing? I never hear anything from them. How you must enjoy entertaining the nieces and nephews. I know I would if I could only have a chance. Well, I must close, for this time and look after the dinner. Mr. Morris of the M. E. Mission is to be here for dinner today. In a few days he is to start for Japan to meet his betrothed, Miss Ogilvy, our former teacher; they are to be married in Kobe.

We all send lots of love and very best wishes.

Lovingly your sister,

Sallie.

Sept. 30, 1903

My dear Jennie,

I have been addressing our Station reports all afternoon, but before I go any farther I must consult Will so I will write a little to you just now. The Mission meeting and Council has been and gone. The last guests left today. Our Mission Meeting was Sept. 10-19. The Council of all the Presbyterian bodies in Korea convened on the 21st. The meetings were all good and helpful and everything passed off most pleasantly. We had 4 or 5 guests all the time, and had a schedule arranged so that all the guests were invited to take a meal with every family in the Station

October 6, 1903

I began this several days ago, you see. Every day we knew just what guests we would have for dinner, and there were no conflicts, & we could prepare

Just before the meetings began every cow in the station either died or was sold. We had been getting 6 or 7 qts. of milk a day, when all of a sudden the milk stopped. One cow and calf died, and we had the other cow and calf killed before they were taken sick. We divided the meat among the community so we did not lose but one cow. We have never known the cow-sickness to be worse around here....hundreds of cattle died of it. It is awful to think of, but these poor people ate the meat. They were determined to buy our cow after she was taken sick, but we said, "No, we don't sell sick cattle for you to eat."

Esther is getting on splendidly, keeping perfectly well on tin-milk. She is so sweet and cunning,-how I wish you could see her in her cunning little ways! We got along fine during the meetings with the work, the servants all doing so well, so I got to attend nearly all the meetings. And think of it! we had lemon pie part of the time. One of our guests, Mr. Welbon, brought some lemons and made me a present of them. What nice missionaries we have! and the 2 new ones, Mr. Hall and Miss Brown who just came, are lovely. Mr. Hall is exceptionally nice; one of the ablest men we have had for sometime,-someone said he left a \$6,000 position in New York....whether this is true we cannot tell. Mr. Hall goes to Fusan, and Miss Brown to Seoul. We get 2 of the new missionaries who are now on the way Mr. Koons and Miss Kirkwood. The new doctors-Dr. and Mrs. Null go to Taegu for this year or until Dr. and Mrs. Johnson return from America.

One evening during the meetings we had a Social at the Blair's. Some recited recitations, and the Princeton representatives sang some college songs. It was an evening of a good time, forgetting all care and work. The refreshments for which we all chipped in and furnished consisted of cake, ice-cream and coffee.

One afternoon there was a baby show...what a lot of sweet babies! There were 5 little babies not more than 6 months old, 3 like Esther, and some still older. What a lot proud mothers there were, each thinking her baby the nicest, of course. We have such a nice lot of ladies in our Mission, all well educated and some very accomplished women. What a treat it was to us here at Pyeng Yang to have the meeting here and see so many not only from our own Mission but the other Presbyterian Missions who came for the Council.

The guests had only taken their departure when the servants in most of the families struck for more wages. We had raised them but they demanded more.

October 6, 1903

We could not afford to give it to them, for it would be detrimental to the work. Our cook, faithful Kim and 2 new ones we had really taken out of pity left. So I had to go to work but the children were so handy to help and we got on very well. It was a regular strike where a few tried to boy-cot the rest and keep them from working. It was sad for a few days but all has quieted and nearly all have returned, repented and begged to be taken back. Our cook has not come nor will not, I guess, I hear he has gone to work for the Japanese. Today I am teaching our little woman to make bread; she already cooks quite well.

We have lima beans, sweet corn a-plenty, egg-plant lettuce, radishes, and plenty of winter vegetables. I could scarcely believe that one would care for lettuce and radishes this time of the year, but they are fine. We have quite a few apples, probably more than half a bushel. They are simply fine!

This morning I have been busy getting my plants ready to bring in the house. I want to finish it this afternoon. We have had beautiful LaFrance roses for nearly a month; also my California tea-rose has had some blossoms. While we had guests I had roses for the table nearly all the time. They are from slips that I started last summer.

In the evening after the children are all asleep... I finished all my plants and got some slips ready for winter. I prepared 2 long boxes of sweet violets which just fit in the south windows. They will bloom almost all winter and fill the house with their sweet perfume. What a lot of pleasure the plants are to us! They do bring so much cheer during the cold winter days. I have 3 fine asparagus-fern plants which I got from seed. All my seedlings of last year are big plants now and I expect some fine blossoms on my geraniums this winter. Well, I must close as my sheet is full and it is bed-time. I enjoyed Will's account of your trip this summer. What a fine time you must have had!

We all send lots of love and Wilbur sends a letter which he wrote before he went to school this morning. Gertrude goes half a day to school and is doing very well. She is a busy little body, so intense in everything she does.

Lovingly, Sallie.

October 9, 1903

Last night we had not only frost, but it froze, so I am getting my plants up and ready to put in the cellar and those on the porch must come in. Some of the most tender ones have been in for sometime.



Nov, 10, 1903

ate as much fruit as I could get. Consequently I have been in almost perfect health all summer, and I never had an easier confinement. I am getting along splendid and am sitting up just a little today for the first. I hope I can go without the Body Brace when I get up but if I can't I intend to wear it for I am sure it is a good thing. I have been intending to write you about it but thought I would give it a fair trial myself before I recommended it to anyone else. It cost \$7.50 gold and a lot of patience to learn to wear it.

Oh! how I wish you and the others could come to see us these days, it would be the very best tonic we could have. Winter is fast approaching. Our garden vegetables are all in, except the celery. I have a nice lot of all kinds of vegetables. I think I put in about 75 heads of cabbage, and a nice lot of Hubbard squash. I canned corn and string beans and they are keeping fine. Our corn lasted until almost the last of Oct. I had the ears pulled and put in the cellar. Our Smith Order for winter came. Will put the things away yesterday. The very first time I was not able to do it. I expect I will have a time finding things. Miss Hillman sent 845 persimmons for the M.E. ladies and for us. They are most delicious; we are feasting on them 2 or 3 times a day. When Will goes to WhangHae province he can send some back by the boatman. They do not grow up here but are so plentiful in the south.

I must close and lie down for I feel some tired. Baby Mary is just as good as she can be and lets us sleep all night and all day if we want to, but Esther keeps one busy when she is awake. She is having such a bad cold. All the children in the community have had such bad colds and coughs.

I must close for this time, hoping this will find you quite well. We received Will's letter a few days ago. Will will answer it before he leaves for the country, I hope.

We all send love. Sallie.

December 15, 1903

My dear Jennie,

It has been over a month since I wrote to you. I wrote just after baby came. Since then I have been very sick. As I wrote you, I was getting along so well until baby was 12 days old. The 10th day, and for 3 days I bathed her, but on the evening of the 12 day I was taken so suddenly with a chill and from that time I grew worse. That was Thursday evening. On Monday Dr. Follwell of the M.E. Mission who was our doctor, said I had pneumonia.

Dec.15, 1903

Will had cared for me and the children until this time, then the ladies of the station came in to help.

Will telegraphed to Seoul for a nurse. Miss Wambold of our Mission came but she did not get here until

Friday, when I was just the worst. She helped us out and did splendidly,--was here over a week, until I was much better. Its just 2 weeks today since I began to sit up for the first. I certainly gained fast and yet I am so weak that the least bit of exertion completely tires me out. Dr. Follwell said, "I was anxious for a while but God blessed the means used and raised you up for which I am so thankful."

For a while he thought they would have to wean the baby, but Mrs. Baird pled for me and baby, so they did not. Poor little Mary, she had a pretty hard time nursing on a fevered breast and fed on a bottle, but it seems only miraculous that she did not get sick. She kept well and was good all the time.

Everyone in the station was so kind and helped all they could. Miss Snook, one of our single ladies, came every morning, took charge of the baby, and the house-keeping and the other children. What a relief it was to Will! House-keeping and caring for children is entirely out of Will's line of business, and it does worry him so. During the day he helped care for me, so he surely had his nads full. We are truly thankful to God for His blessing, for restoring me to health and to my family.

In Seoul, and here all of our friends, both native and foreign, continued to pray for my recovery so they, with us, are all so thankful and are rejoicing that I am now so much better. Just think! since Sunday I am nursing baby entirely. Sat. afternoon was the last we fed her from the bottle. Will bought a cow soon after I was taken ill so I have had all the fresh cow's milk I could drink. I am sure that has been a great help in giving me strength and also increasing my milk for baby.

We all think baby is the very sweetest in the world. Such a long time I got to see so little of her that when I could sit up and see her, how she was looking around, I was surprised. But then I thought she was almost 6 weeks old, I thought it was all right. Did I tell you she has dark blue eyes, light hair. We think she is a beautiful baby.

While I was sick Mrs. Hunt and her 2 children had scarlet fever in a very light form. None of the other children in the station got it. It was found out in time to quarantine them, so it did not spread.

While we were rejoicing over my being able to be up, a telegram came from Seoul bringing the sad news of the death of Mrs. Vinton. They came to Korea

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the year before we did; their oldest boy is 11 and the youngest, the 8th, or 9th, was born Dec.4, a little girl. The baby came at 5 o'clock and Mrs. Vinton passed away at 10 o'clock. She had not been well for such a long time, we all feared for the worst. Dr. Vinton is almost a nervous wreck, left with 6 children. It is really too pitiful to think about. Their children are so pretty and are well trained. Mrs. Vinton was a good mother, and he was always ready to do anything for her or the children,-a more devoted husband I never saw. They stayed with us for 2 months one summer. She came to the Annual Meeting. I was so glad to see her but the trip was really too much for her. She wrote me that it just about took all her strength she had left. We can't imagine what he will do.

Mr. Miller who was left with his 3 children last June (I wrote you about her death)....2 of the children are here in school, boarding at the Lee's. He has little Anna, 3 years old, with him.

Our children are all keeping ever so well. Esther keeps one busy after her all the time.

I feel so sorry about Essa (who has T B ),-if there were only hopes to build on. We can only hope and trust that she will get better.

Well, I must close for this time. Hope this will find you well.

With lots of love, Sallie.